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General Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – 6:00 PM

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Harlem State Office Building
163 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor Art Gallery
Honorable Chair Cicely Harris, Presiding

Meeting called to order at 6:18

Elected Officials

Councilman Perkins Office Keith Lilly – Hello Happy April. Participatory Budget

Keith Lilly – Hello Happy April. It is time to vote for Participatory Budget Board Members Safiya Mann and Gregory Bagget are reporting on the Participatory Budget process. This process decides how the Council's \$1M is used in our community. They presented ballots for the community to vote. This is the first time ever that our district has participated in Participatory Budget process so we owe a debt of gratitude to Councilman Perkins. Important to participate so that next year we can be bigger and better. There are 11 projects covering Housing, Education, Parks & Recreation and Transit.

Manhattan District Attorney's Office – Renee Woodbury

Linda Janee Director in the Manhattan District Attorney Office. Sunday April 7 Crime Victims Vigil, 2-4pm at West End Church West 72nd street between Broadway and West End Avenue. April is Crime Victims Awareness Month.

Earthly Jules presented a plaque to Linda Janee as a thank you for participating in their youth program over the weekend.

Gabriel Hernandez. Assemblyman Rodriguez

State Budget passed on time. Cash Bail reform included in the budget it was eliminated, congestion pricing was passed; Office located on 115th Street between Park and Madison

Miguel Walters Harlem Children's Zone Community Pride

Monthly free food giveaway second Saturday of every month of fresh produce. Free tax preparation. SYEP has started and applications are now available. Ages 22-24 can only do a paper application for SYEP. The office is located at 122nd Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd 9-5pm. Office phone number is 212-932-1920.

Natalie Espino from Manhattan Borough Presidents Office

2nd Annual Senior Art Show for people 60 and over. Opening reception tomorrow at 1 Centre Street at 6pm. Show on display through the end of April

Community Board appointments will be announced by mid-April. There were 650 applications for the boards 407 were new 243 were reappointment applications. There will be 85 to 90 new members over 12 boards in Manhattan will be announced, The Manhattan Borough Presidents

Office received over 60 applications for CB10. If you were not appointed this term stay engaged and stay in touch because opportunities do arise.

Capital Budget final decisions on websites. Census funding initiative to reach undercounted Monday April 22 Earth Day will be distributing reusable bags. Locations to be announced
Congestion pricing was approved.

Certified plans for borough based jail plans for prisons which will happen after Rikers is closed.
Establishment of vacant storefronts database. Landlords would have to list vacant storefronts and how long they have been vacant.

Continue to monitor the recent Incident on 135 street with 132nd precinct.

Mt Sinai Townhall with Harlem Coalition with Mt. Morris Park

Attended the Harlem Hospital Annual meeting discussing continued funding and support

Lori Cohen Adriano Espailat

Recognition of Equal Pay Day on April 7th see Newsletter for the Senators comments

Reauthorizes the Violence Against Women 2019 act which expired during the Trump shutdown.

Women's History month recognized Alea Murphy who is 113 years old longstanding resident of Harlem along with leading women of color in the labor movement.

Congressional High School Art Contest. The winner's art hangs for a year in the US Capital.

All expense paid trip to DC to meet other artists from around the country.

Nina Saxon Comptroller Scott Stringer Office

MWBE University classes are up on the Comptroller's office website. Ms. Saxon can be reached at 646-245-4114

Wendy Garcia Chief Diversity Officer. The city Comptroller would like a City Diversity Officer in every city agency.

District Leader Cordell Cleare

Primary on June 25th for the Public Advocate as well as District Leaders, Judges, Judicial Delegates and County Committee.

Job Fair she is hosting Malcolm Shabazz Cultural Center 102 West 116 Street Lower Auditorium April 11. Focusing on people who are formally incarcerated. Citi bikes will be a major business looking for employees

Will there be Judicial forums with candidates. There have been several already. Dr. Samuels there have been quite a few already. Succession rights in conjunction with Brian Benjamins office addressing the issue of tenants being evicted NYCHA we need to have a forum to inform community members of their rights. Delores Johnson from Manhattan Legal Services on 125th street and 5th Ave free legal services to help with illegal evictions.

Shana Harmongoff from Brian Benjamins Office

Presided over the passage of NYS 175.5B budget of which \$1B going toward education.

Bail reform. Removal of cash bail as an option for all non-violent crimes. Speedy trials for non-violent crimes must be heard within 90 days and all other crimes within 180 days.

Off premise liquor stores must now come before the Community Board when applying for a license to do business in our community.

Listening Forum for Central Harlem will take place on May 3 at the Kennedy Center from 6-8:30 pm

Councilman Bill Perkins

Stopped by to say hello and to say if you have any concerns please let him know.

Community Speakers

Latonya Green is running a program for women in the Dempsey Center located on 127 street. Currently 400 women in the program. Tuesday April 9, Women in Business Appreciations at 2239 west 132nd Street at Williams Institutional CME Church. From 12-4pm. You can call 917-767-9882 for additional information. They give micro loans from \$500 to \$2000 no credit check. Report directly to Experian which helps these women build credit.

Leon Tolton - Real Dads Network

Fathers and Men who play the role of fathers. Meet every 2nd Saturday of the month 1-3 at Drew Hamilton Community Center. This month's meeting on April 13 the topic Dr. Ronald Minsey from Columbia University discussing Public Policy and Fatherhood. Free event

Maurice Brown from Mass Mutual Financial Group

Mass Mutual has acquired Metlife which make it the Number One seller of Life Insurance.

Gabrielle Rodriguez - Harlem Grown

Community Garden. Youth development. Seven week summer day camp. Produce from the gardens during the season every weekend. Community group tours of the garden. Earth day celebration April 20, sustainability is topic this year. Every Saturday between April and October. Farm stand between 12 and 2 all produce is free. Located on west 134 street.

Linda Bendel - VP of First Company Inc

Got check is a new era in breast checking. Social political organization.

National Got Check date July 6. Opening in Harlem. Workshops will be available. Looking for young professionals from the neighborhood to employ.

Julius Tajiddin

Gang killings making the NYC community mad. Community Policing Program will involve the Mayor's Office, NYPD and CB10 Public Safety Committee. Call to order very soon.

Tribute on his father who was a legendary song writer. Probably in May at the Schomburg Center. It will be entitled Songs of my Farther a Lost Chapter of Rhythm and Blues. Hosted by Sheila Frazier Atkinson

Brother Tarik

April 20, Walkathon this is the 23rd year entitled Jail Aint No Good

Alex Minier Bike New York

Five Boro Bike Tour May 5th. Funds raised are used to fund two centers one in Jackie Robinson Park.

The tour will go up Adam Clayton Powell Jr., Blvd from 7-1pm

Bebe Office of Government and Community Affairs Columbia University

Community Scholars program. This program is outlined in the Community Benefits agreement with Columbia University. Allows Scholars to use the facilities of Columbia University to research a project they may have. Two scholars attended. One Scholar Vivian is finishing up third year in the program. Amazing experience. She has audited several classes and programs. She is the Founder and Director of Harlem Wellness. Create a bridge between Columbia and Harlem. Co-owner of Plowshare Coffee located on Broadway at 105 Street and also have a new location on 126 and Amsterdam.

New student in a Cohort that began in September. She wants to use this program to help get book published about her grandfather.

The qualifications are only a high school diploma or GED. Information can be found at gca.columbia.edu

Hakeem Elliot Center for law and social justice

Census outreach in all boroughs in communities of African descent who are usually undercounted. Based on Census data \$800B is awarded to fund communities across the U.S. New York has some of the lowest counts in the country especially in Brooklyn the Bronx and Queens in Communities of African descent.

Tenee Belton Street Corner Resources

[Iesha Sekou](#) on way here today and looking for a parking space witnessed 12-13 young people chasing a young man. Wanted to say thank you to those in the room that stop to ensure their safety. Wanted to comment on a meeting she was in recently where our children were referred to as terrorist. Disturbed by the backlash by her standing up in the room to speak her truth. How do we resolve the problem is the only issue.

Isiah who is on the Street Corner team has six acceptances to college.

Young girl on the Street Corner team has four acceptances to college.

Mobile unit has been funded and purchased. Having it worked on and outfitted to better serve the community. We will be bringing education, employment, training and other resources.

Keith Taylor CB10 Member

Harlem has the lowest rates of preservation of historical buildings. Fighting to save the legacy. Dorrance Brooks Block Association. He wants to thank the Manhattan Borough President for requesting legislation that restricts the DOB for approving demolition permits for buildings and a letter of support to DOB to save Mt Calvary Baptist Church. Proposed historic district 136 to 140 from St. Nickolas to Frederick Douglass Blvd. Will be the first NYC historic district named after an African American.

Nina White – Al Taylor Assemblyman

Budget passed on Monday \$27M to the NYS Dream Act. Electoral reforms ensures up to 3 hours of paid time to vote. Speedy trial legislation. Greener NY 5 cent fee for plastic bags in March 2020. Women of Distinction Brunch in honor of Women's History Month was held on March 22 held at the Denny Ferrell State Park.

Health Proxy and Power of Attorney workshop April 16, 201A West 146 Street, 2-4pm

Roundtable with Assemblyman Al Taylor April 25 6-8:30

Hearing Thursday May 2 Housing and rent reform applications to submit forms if you want to speak at the session were located on the back table during the meeting.

Andrew Lasalle Public Advocate Jumanne Williams

Andrew is a part of the Public Advocates Transition Team – Jumanne has appointed 20 people to his team.

[Wants input from the Community on how issues should be addressed](#)

[There are jobs available. Reach out to him at \[andrewl@eoici.org\]\(mailto:andrewl@eoici.org\)](#)

United States Postal Service

New Initiatives coming out she is the Area Manager Passport fairs will be happening this summer. IF your building has space for parcel lockers they will install them. Inform delivery will let you know what mail you have.

Consumer Advocate Gail Branham 212-330-3084 is the district number

Raquel Vazquez Announcement

3rd annual CB10 Janes Walk historic walking tour will highlight James Baldwin and be entitled if James Baldwin could talk. It will take place Sat May 4 at 12pm and 3pm, Led by John Reddick
Community Service Award - Travis Berry

Cicely Harris-Chairs Report

College Fair at Riverbank State Park – Michael Adams spoke to young people about staying in school is an NFL 15 year veteran. He is the son in law of our Board Member Karen Horry Participated in the WOW festival at the Apollo. CB10 had a table to give out information and advertise our women’s event on March 18.

The Women’s History Month event at the National Black Theatre on March 18th was entitled From Income Disparity to Economic Equity. Over 80 people came out

There was a book meet at the Conversation Place on March 27. Author Kevin McGrudder attended to discuss his book Race and Real Estate. Hosted by Economic Development Committee and headed by Shanelle Washington.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. partnership and Ruby’s Vintage a Womens History Month event honoring Cicely Tyson, Hazel Dukes, Joyous Pierce and Bernie Callendar street co-naming from ruby dee and Ossie Davis

Our Chair participated in a panel at Columbia University discussing Women in Politics. Betsy Gothbaum was among people on the panel.

Recognize we had a few resignations. Wanted to acknowledge Henrietta Lyle, Makeda Thompson, Tuesday Brooks, Crystal Ship and Danni Tyson. We also had two members who did not reapply. We will do a meet and greet and give out certificates of appreciation.

District Manager Report

We are located at 215 West 125th Street on the 4th floor. We have nine committees and we handle constituent issues. Always use us as the frontline if you have community issues.

Comptrollers audit on March 7, all electronic equipment. Next one in four years.

Interview process for Community Coordinator is underway we have received over 100 applications.

Interns are starting to work in the office this Friday, April 5.

Saturday street co naming 126 and ACP to acknowledge the Five Percenters and Allah in Justice Square. Former Assemblyman Keith Wright, Gale Brewer attended.

Committee Report

Safaya Mann – She wants to revitalize the Reentry Subcommittee. Planning a Resource Fair for May.

Voting Item

Community Benefits Program - Passed unanimously

New Business

The Chair received on March 26 an email from Board Member John Lynch resigning as First Vice Chair and Chair of Economic Development Committee. The resignation was accepted.

Business Session

Open Meetings Law = Executive Session is in Subsection F,” ..matters leading to the appointment, employment, demotion, promotion, discipline suspension dismissal or removal of a particular person.”

Public Comments on Matters of John Lynch

Brother Tarik

John Lynch issue – is not about John Lynch bigger than this body. Zero tolerance of things that violate the integrity and trust. The integrity of this body is a reflection of this community.

Julius Tarjiddin

Commend board for taking the lead on this issue. Must examine the members of the board. The appearance of impropriety should be put in check.

Cordell Cleare

This about our community and how the board is viewed by the community. It raises questions for all instances. A moment for reform and revise how processes work. Not the individual as much as the process.

John Lynch

In regards to personal gain. What this situation is there was no personal gain or benefit on his part. It was a business came to the board for a liquor license and was processed as usual. They submitted their application to SLA. They called John a month later and stated that their application was rejected because of technical errors. John agreed to represent them to resubmit the application to the SLA because the board was done with the matter. There would be no further voting by the Community Board. Later a false claim was made to NYC Department of investigation that board members were voting on matters on the Economic Development Committee where there was a conflict of interest. So he was called to the BOI about what is the process when there is a conflict of interest. John stated that he has in the past had to recuse himself where there was a conflict of interest. In the course of the resubmission he submitted letters to the SLA saying the board had meeting and voted unanimous and waving 30 day period. Both letters were standard form. His signature was a mistake because he was at that time representing the business. The applicant received no benefit or special attention because he was representing them. The Department Of Investigation said there is no problem with him representing the client, allowed to have outside interest as long as they are revealed. Improper use of city letter head was the charge from Department Of Investigation.

The board was mixed as to whether he should resign as First Vice Chair but he decided to resign. But he has chosen to remain on the board.

Chair Harris stated that as soon as when was aware of the matter she contacted the Manhattan Borough Presidents Office. Chair Harris has been operating as interim Chair of Economic Development Committee. We are reviewing our processes within our committees. The committee was not charged with looking into the conflict of interest matter. Chair Harris wanted to know what other Boards had done and also what was expected of this board now that we had the report.

Barbara Nelson

What was the time line of the events around the investigation?

The Board went into Business Session

Out of Business Session

Chair Harris

Election Committee has been impaneled we have 60 days to fill the vacancy.

Marquis Harris – Parliamentarian

Reviewed by laws of how a member can be removed from the Board.

Keith Taylor

Made a motion to remove John Lynch from the Board. It was properly seconded but we did not have a quorum to vote.

Crystal McKay

Mentioned we need to review the process of the general board meeting so that important issues can be taken care of at an appropriate time.

Motion tabled to be restated in the May Board meeting.