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**Manhattan Community Board 10**  
**General Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2020**

Isma Pesson – Art Gallery Update – Community artists have been denied use of the Art Gallery here on the second floor of the Harlem State Office Building. Agreement reached on December 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be an exhibit from Governors office that has been in storage for the past 20 or 30 years. Artist will be able to be a part of the exhibit for Black History month. Ten to fifteen pieces of art by community artists will be exhibited. The exhibit grand opening will take place the first or second week of February.

Shawn Hill – Co founders Greater Harlem coalition. Comprises over fifty Harlem and East Harlem Block Associations, Faith Based organizations and small businesses. Main focus is the over saturation in our community of drug treatment facilities. On Feb 5 at the General Board meeting they will present data from the city and state.

Stephanie McGraw – from WARM. Located on 140<sup>th</sup> Street and they have monthly meetings. They need space to see clients. They need a PR person, need a budget person and they need funds to operate.

Reuben Rahman – Harlem CDC – located on the 17 floor of HSOB Director of Community Development. Programs that they offer, first time homebuyer counseling, first come first serve basis. Visit website for more information. General workshops as well. Small business owner services such as mentorship from current business owners. Starting your own consulting business is tomorrow Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. Workshop on sales on Saturday, Jan 12<sup>th</sup>. On the fifth of February a wkshp for starting a food service business. Feb 12 a workshop regarding patents.

Street Corner Resources Tenee Belton – Thanks for the community support. Peace Café is the last Friday of every month. Every Wednesday Street Corner Resources and their Peace Beast the mobile trauma unit are in front of the State Office Building from 10-2pm they have information on employment, education and training. They can be reached on 212-694-8759.

**Elected Officials**

Nina White – Assemblyman Al Taylor

Series of workshop January 25<sup>th</sup> which will be reviewing the gang database. If your name is in the database it needs to be removed through a lawsuit. February 22 workshop learn how to seal your criminal record and on March 21 the impact of bail reform. All forums will be held at the St. Matthews Baptist Church located at 43 Macombs Place.

Linda Jones Janee – Director of Manhattan District Attorney’s Harlem Office Room 733 HSOB

Provide services for victims of our criminal court cases. They work with WARM on domestic violence cases. 85 percent of the cases in her office are domestic violence. Jacque ? is a new hire as a Community Coordinator.

Vallencia Williams State Senator Brian Benjamin

Office in room 912; 10-4 Mon-Fri are the office hours. Today is the first day of the legislative session.

Natalie Espino - MBPO

Having a forum on rent reform on Friday, January 10, at 3pm at 1 Centre Street office. Jan 14 religious facilities task force public hearing in the Harlem Hospital auditorium. Department of Buildings information session will be on January 16 at the Northern Manhattan office. Also on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the JCC on 118 Street trash talk, sustainability workshop. January 30<sup>th</sup> a Census Town Hall here in Harlem Central Harlem is one of the most undercounted areas. Community Board applications are due January 21, 2020.

Shelby Edwards Inclusive Communications Service (ICS) – They provide Interpreting Services

Bailey Jeremy - Mental Health Therapist

Preventive Therapist for Children's Village. Director of Communications for Families United for Solutions. Two events, Harlem Holistic Wellness Week info session Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Touro College on 124 street from 6-8. Second event is through Families United for Solutions on January 13 at Touro College. [bailey@mindovermelanin.com](mailto:bailey@mindovermelanin.com) is her contact email.

Dr. K. Samuels – She would like the Borough President to come and speak to the community about the Opportunity Zones, where money was supposed to come to Harlem but went downtown, social service committee where chairperson called people do-gooders who have substance abuse. We have too many drug users in our community. Creating a list of things the CB has been doing that is disrespectful, in addition why are politicians who promised two years ago to do something about succession rights have not done anything about it. K Samuels will be handling out a booklet about the problems women of color have in the workplace. Another handout will be tips to college applicants and programs offering scholarships in computer science. The Macombs library will be opening up this month and she feels it is inadequate.

Phillip Ellison - Public Advocates office

Here to introduce himself. This office is one that holds government accountable.

Motion to accept the minutes – with correction mentioned by Mari Moss

Amendment to the Agenda – Add Health Committee Letter of Support

### **Chair Report - Cecily Harris**

Thank Gregory Baggett for his service on the board he resigned in December. Thanks to Marcia AB\_\_ she has also resigned in early January.

New initiatives around Health and Wellness, Land Use, Housing and Public Safety. We do have a Public Safety event on Friday January 10 – as we move forward we want to look at not new year's resolutions but revelations for the new year.

### **Shatic Mitchel – District Managers Report**

12/6/2019 Department of Homeless Services Cluster site closing at 148 West 124<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor DiBlasio's Turning the Tide Initiative DHS is closing all clusters in NYC by 2021 and Commercial hotels by 2023.

12/6/2019 Renee Campbell murder October 2<sup>nd</sup>- The police are searching for Malik Canty. The brutal attack happened on 127<sup>th</sup> Street and Malcolm X Blvd.

12/10/2019 – 32<sup>nd</sup> pct Clergy Task Force – Juveniles committing crimes against each other and also robbing deliverymen. Considering staggering school hours.

12/10/2019 Councilman Perkins Rat Forum – Community complaints about rat issues.

12/16/2019 – Hazel Dukes NAACP awarded three public schools in Southeast Queens with laptops and tech support under a new initiative spearheaded by the NAACP New York State Conference. Speaker Corey Johnson and Councilman Daneek Miller announced \$1M pilot program P.S./I.S. 116 located at 107-25 Wren Place in Jamaica that will give students of color access to laptops.

1/8/2020 – Fire at 230 West 129 street the St. Nicholas houses. The fire was on the seventh floor at 230 W129 around 2:15pm. Three people suffered minor injuries.

### Committee Reports and Announcements

Re-Entry Resource Fair and Forum Safiya Mann – Friday Jan 10. Join us for an informative panel on criminal justice reform and enjoy a resource fair where you can sign up for health care, apply for jobs and take health screenings. The forum will take place at the Interfaith Church Center at 475 Riverside Drive from 10:30 to 4pm.

Michael Downey – Chair of Task Force for Community Outreach for the African and Caribbean Community. Raise awareness to services available with partnership with the Manhattan Borough Presidents Office.

Health and Human Services Committee Report – Karen Dixon

Letter of Support for the Health Lab. The committee will be working on the letter. Demolition of the Women's Pavilion is scheduled for the end of February or the first of March. Karen Dixon stated there was some discussion around either saving the building or ensuring there will be some commemoration of the history of the old building in the new building. Karen Horry wanted to know what the outreach to the community has been. Dr. Samuels stated that the community can use the lab. She also asked where are our politicians. Is there a meeting that the community will be able to attend with the Department of Health and Hygiene?

### **Presentation of Voting Items**

#### **Economic Development Presentations - Jennifer Prince**

Sweet Catch Seafood Boil Restaurant at 61 Malcolm X Blvd. Open seven days a week, with 7-12 employees. Several letters of support including the local politicians.

Indian Summer on Malcolm X Blvd and 122 Street – Open seven days a week 11am-11pm, employing 6 people.

#### **NYC Parks Community Gardens - Karen Horry**

Resolution for the Community Gardeners to have two clauses removed from the licensing that is being required. License must be renewed every 4 years it is now very lengthy. The clauses that the gardeners feel are unfair are in paragraph 7D which reads the license is terminable at will by the commissioner at his/her discretion at any time with 60 days written notice and licensee shall

have no recourse, and the second clause states waiver of trial by juror. The committee voted unanimously to support the gardeners.

**Census Presentation – Julie Menin**

Julie Menin presented on why the census is so important and the benefits that can come to our community with an accurate count.

**Voting Items Tally**

-Indian Summer – 16 yes / 10 No - Beer Wine Cider

-Sweet Catch – 25 Yes / 3 No - Full Liquor

-Harlem Hospital Women’s Pavilion Ltr of Support - 25 Yes

-Resolution NYC Parks Green Thumb Community Gardens License

24 yes