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GENERAL BOARD MEETING
MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2021 6:00PM

Meeting held via Zoom because of COVID-19

Elected Officials

Myna Whyte – Assemblyman Al Taylor

The office has been working with the Armory in Washington Heights to distribute the vaccine. If anyone needs help getting an appointment to get the vaccine the contact is Yvonne Marshall Andre at 646-453-6776. marshay@altaylorforn.org.

Hardship Declaration Form no date for this form to be submitted but submit as soon as possible. If you are a renter your landlord should have provided if you are an owner please visit the State website for the form. The office has been receiving some emails regarding Election Law that just passed the Senate. The bill number is 4448A and it deals with the formally incarcerated right to vote. Once a person is close to their discharge date that the person is informed of their right to vote verbally and in writing.

Manhattan Borough President - Gale Brewer

Churches and Development report, thank you to Attorney General Tish James. There are seven Churches that the AG has determined have not received what the developers promised in the contracts. Including St. Johns at 132 Street, Ebenezer at East 123 Street, Metropolitan AME on West 135 Street, Greater Bethel AME at West 123 Street and Healing from Heaven Temple on Frederick Douglas Blvd located in CB10. AG will announce options for churches. Churches can monitor the project, they can cash out of the project, the developer can return the property to the Church and the Church would return any monies paid by the developer, or they can opt out and do something else. The churches have sixty day in which to make the decision on how they wish to proceed. Ice skating rink Lasker and Wollman. Some renovation will be happening. Pushing for the Central Park Conservancy to take over.

Speaker Johnson has a comprehensive Zoning Plan.

Chair Harris thank you for participating in the Stop Harassment Forum.

Vacant Storefronts. Hoped the Dept. of Finance had created a database according to a bill passed some years ago.

Vaccine – Harlem Community Non Profits and Faith Based Organizations for pitching in. Working to do Pop Ups in NYCHA.

Helicopters – NYC & Company has contracts with companies in NJ. Meeting to work with NJ officials to solve this problem

Open Culture in the Streets applications open March 1. Hope the artists get paid.

CECs open for applications.

Age Friendly Manhattan program. May be something CB10 may want to get involved.

VA takes anyone connected to a veteran to give the vaccine.

28 Board Members present for the first roll call

Chairs Report – Cicely Harris



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This past Thursday CB10 was a Sponsor for the Event Stand Up To Harassment Forum hosted by Greater NY Links, Manhattan Borough Presidents Office, CB9, CB11. It was a very informative and interactive conversation. CB10 hopes to partner again with Holla Back the organization that was responsible for the Forum.

March 18 is the Borough Board meeting that will take place at 8:30am. Congratulations Karen Horry and the Parks Committee and Sub Committee for their work on the Exonerated 5. Every Community Board visited are signing off with a resolution to support this effort. This Resolution is expected to pass at Borough Board meeting.

Joined CB9 as they recognized April Tyler who passed away. She was Chair of Housing.

District Manager Report – Shatic Mitchell

Submitted Letter of Comment to the Mayor's office last month as a response to CB10 expense capital request in the District Needs statement.

We welcomed Ms. Jasmin Heatly to the Staff of Community Board 10 last month. Her start date was February 8, 2021. Congratulations to Juanita Anderson on her promotion.

Mayor DiBlasio has a plan to vaccinate home bound Seniors and the essential home care workers. The plan is to meet Seniors where they are. Sites will be prioritized in the coming weeks. We are also awaiting a mass vaccination site in Upper Manhattan.

A pilot program tested at the 28th and 32nd precincts which will remove NYPD from most mental health crises calls. Our community has the most mental health related 911 calls in the City last year. Under the new program 2 EMTs and a Social Worker will be dispatched to mental health emergencies. The NYPD will continue to respond to calls that involve weapons or imminent harm.

Received many calls regarding a Sign on Ponty Bistro that read 'Coming Soon the New Soul of Harlem' with a photo of four white people dining. People thought Ponty Bistro was closing and a new restaurant was moving in and that the poster was racially incentive. After investigating it seems that a television show was being filmed at the restaurant. After reaching out to the Project Manager of the television show they apologized and said it was a mistake.

Committee Reports

Arts and Culture – George Harrell Chair – Assemblywoman Inez Dickens Reported

Introduced the presentation - Celebrate Women in the month of March. Debut a video highlighting an event held in 2019 honoring Cecily Tyson, Bernie Callendar and Hazel Dukes.

Economic Development – Shanelle Washington Chair

No Report.

Education Youth and Libraries – Deborah Yates Chair – Stephanie Palmer Reported

At our February meeting the DYCD announced that the SYEP program will be reinstated to the 70,000 slots that it had in previous summers.

Middle School classes did resume in February. Application for pre K and kindergarten are now available.

Elections Committee – Hazel Dukes Chair



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Met on Saturday. Announcing tonight that we will be accepting nominations for four vacancies according to our by laws. Election will be in April.

Health and Human Services Hazel Dukes

Dr. Smith and Christina Curry are drafting a letter to present to Exec Cmte concerning Nursing Homes and procedures that we think should be instituted.

Transportation and Historic Preservation – Cicely Harris

Continue to have Citi bike discussions

Land Use – Karen Dixon Chair

In the month of March Housing and Land Use committees will be having a joint meeting. On the 4th Thursday, March 22nd

Housing Committee - Charles Powell Chair

No report

Parks and Recreation – Karen Horry

Central Park Conservancy Presentation – Harlem Meer Re-envisioning.

The committee voted unanimously to support this project.

Academic study area in the park. Will have Park Rangers at the March meeting to discuss.

Upgrade of Jackie Robinson pool to promote year round use as winter ice skating and summer pool.

Covid 19 Park Safety in Place.

Discussing concerns around William McCray playground which has a sink hole.

Vending trucks are being considered for Parks in our area. A Phillip Randolph Square and Fred Samuels.

\$284M was allocated to restore the esplanade from 118-124 Streets.

Farmers markets proposes around Fred Samuels to begin around June 12.

Public Safety - Charles Johnson

Several presentations at last months meeting including Sex trafficking presentation from Homeland Security, Freedom Youth CEO and Founder Monique Riley,

Will continue to have pertinent presentations at this months meeting

Presentation of Voting Items – All Votes taken by Common Consent Except Where Noted

Economic Development, Technology & Communication

Helbraun & Levey / Field Trip- INGRAINED HOSPITALITY

LENOX LLC is a (RENEWAL) SLA Applicant, received on 1/14/2021 17:23:56. This business is located [109 Malcolm X Blvd, New York, NY 10026](#). [Passed unanimously in Committee](#)
[Vote by Common Consent – Passed no opposition no recusals](#)

APOLLO Theater- GreatPerformances/Artists as Waitresses, Inc.

is a (RENEWAL) SLA Applicant, received on 1/25/2021 11:51:36.

This business is located [253 W 125th St, New York, NY 10027](#).

[Passed unanimously in Committee](#)

[Vote by Common Consent – Passed no opposition no recusals](#)

Amyruth's Restaurant is a (RENEWAL) SLA Applicant, received



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on 2/2/2021 10:33:56. This business is located [113 W 116th St, New York, NY 10026](#). Passed unanimously in Committee
Vote by Common Consent – Passed no opposition no recusals

Amyruth's Restaurant is requesting a 30 Day Waiver , This business is located [113 W 116th St, New York, NY 10026](#). Passed unanimously in Committee. The Full Board does not need to vote on the waiver.

Letter of Support-Silicon Harlem

This is an initiative to get free WiFi and Broadband for the District. This passed unanimously in Committee. Vote by Common Consent – Passed no opposition one recusal

Parks & Recreation

Resolution for NYC Parks - Central Park Conservancy Harlem
Meer-Lasker Pool Renovation Project - Revised Design Plan – Passed unanimously in Committee
Vote by Common Consent – Passed no opposition, no recusals.

Election Committee

Personal Committee nominations – 4 Positions available
Deanne Brown Blackman – nominated and accepted Nominated by Marquis Harrison
Stanley Gleaton – nominated and accepted Nominated by Marquis Harrison
Cheryl Smith – nominated and accepted Nominated by Donna Gill
Derek Perkinson – nominated and accepted – Nominated by Deanne Brown Blackman

First Vice Chair suggested that since there are four nominees and four positions can we move to accept them instead of waiting for an election in April.

Roll Call Vote Taken

Yes – 29

No - 0

Recusal -0

Abstain - 0

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Minutes prepared by Deborah Yates Secretary of the Board March 2021