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GENERAL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2010 6:30PM

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163 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor
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Hon. W. Franc Perry, Chair

Chair, Franc Perry, announced rules and order of the meeting. Community Board 10 called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Crystal McKay, reviewed appropriate behavior and protocol for community board meetings.

Chairman Perry opened the meeting describing a letter to the board from the **Representatives of the Citizens for the Preservation of the St. Nicholas Houses**. They were asking the Community Board to help them find representation for their present predicament. Mr. Perry reiterated that the Community Board is an advisory body and that the members participate voluntarily under the bylaws of the New York State Charter. Mr. Perry also stated that the committees involved will continue to hold forums and keep a vigilant assessment to the proposed charter school amid St. Nicholas Houses.

Community First – Hon. Keith Taylor, opened the Community First segment of the meeting. He then called upon:

Maurice Cummings of Assemblyman Keith L.T. Wright’s Office. The Bone Marrow Blood Drive was very successful. For more information about raising awareness on bone marrow blood drives, one can contact “**preserveourlegacy.org**”. Assemblyman Wright along with First Lady Michelle Obama paid a visit to the PAL center at Manhattan Avenue on 120th street in order to promote the “Let’s Move” Physical Education Campaign against childhood obesity. Mr. Wright also hosted an afterschool basketball camp with New York Knick players. Both of these events were huge successes. Finally, Mr. Wright will be continuing the “Listening Tours” within our community. For information call 212-866-5809

Ms. Dela Rosa of Assemblyman Daniel J. O’Donnell’s Office discussed that the Assemblyman O’Donnell reiterated his call for a moratorium on the questionable drilling practice of hydraulic fracturing or “hydrofracking” New York. Ms. Dela Rosa also asks everyone to get their flu shots.

Ms. Richards of Council Woman Inez Dickens Office announced that 1.3 million children attend PAL Centers. The Council is conducting a study on the number of dwellings in Central Harlem.

Ms. A. Pierre of the Manhattan Borough President's Office announced to members of CB10 to send in applications for reinstatement by December 31st 2010 and new applications should be submitted by February, 2010. December 2nd, 2011 a meeting about rezoning will be held at the Manhattanville houses at 6:00 pm. The Holiday lighting celebration will be held December 7th, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the West Harlem Pier and at 7:00 pm in front of the State Office Building.

Ms. J. Scuttens announced a Family Literary Day December 4th on 136th street and Seventh Avenue.

N. Bailey of the Harlem Tenant's Council of the St. Nicholas Houses expressed the need of representation for the proposed Charter School amid the St. Nicholas Houses. There will be a meeting at 215 west 125th street at 6pm. Contact information 646-812-5188.

Chair Franc Perry announced that a town hall meeting about the privatizing of public housing TBA for the spring.

Assemblyman Denny Farrell discussed that he and fellow co-workers worked tirelessly on the OTB (Off Track Betting) Bill and were passed. He also shared that they were able to tighten the budget and have a balanced one. However, 2011 – 2012 will be horrendous.

Assemblyman Keith L.T. Wright spoke himself on several issues. First, he explained that governing is hard work when there is no funding for jobs, programs etc. This is the worst state of affairs for New York State. Second, the OTB (Off Track Betting) legislation Bill was passed. Finally, there is a mentoring program with the MTA that pairs up small businesses with big businesses and starting them off with 1 million dollars. For more information one can contact the office at 212-866-5809.

Sharon Jarvis of the Countee Cullen Branch Library announced the many programs at that location as well as the new Library Manager of the **Harlem branch Ms. Donna Murphy**.

J. Lindor of the Drug-Free Central Harlem Coalition gave an informational talk about the new "Alcoholic Energy Drink" that is being sold at local bodegas and delis in the urban communities. The organization will be hosting future meetings on this topic and how to combat them. TBA

I. Sakou of Street Corner Resources will be hosting a Video Gallery at Thurgood Marshall High School on December 10th, 2010 at 2 pm. They also have a radio show from 8 am – 9 am weekdays. They are also selling t-shirts "I Am Peace". For more information call 646-377-8904.

Dr. K. Samuels spoke about the need for representation for the Harlem Tenant's Council of the St. Nicholas Houses. She would also like to circulate a petition on the matter. Dr. Samuels felt the minutes are continued to be sterilized.

Stephanie Howze, Chair of the CAB of Harlem Hospital, announced the emergency Town Hall Meeting with Northern Manhattan Community Boards CB9, CB10, CB11, and CB12. This meeting will put out the facts to the community about the current state of Harlem Hospital and the need to take action. For more information, please contact 917-593-0052 or raybblin@nyc.rr.com.

Leslie Smith announced that she is the new director for the Kumon Reading Center. Any one interested or need more information may contact 347-228-3725.

Senator Bill Perkins had several announcements. First, there was not much accomplished at the last session in Albany. Second, Michael Gardner, the Diversity Director of the MTA, introduced a mentoring program with the MTA that pairs up small businesses with big businesses and starting them off with 1 million dollars. Third, Senator Perkins and the parents of Harlem children will have a media blast on the hiring of Ms. Black as the school chancellor of New York. Finally, November 10th there was a luncheon for parent coordinators.

Councilman Robert Jackson gave accolades to the members who helped to pass the AIDS Bill. He also discussed the dismal budget for the July 2011 – Jun 2012 term. Finally, he will be visiting Tanzania for the holiday season.

Public session at 7:43 p.m.

The minutes were adopted for the December 1, 2010 meeting. Chair Perry spoke about the emergency Harlem Hospital and Community Boards meeting and the lighting of the 125th Street corridor on December 7th 2010. He also announced that Central Harlem had the highest testing in Central Harlem. However, the highest rates of HIV/AIDS were amongst multiple partners. More testing is needed throughout the community in order to suppress the “community viral Load”.

District Manager, Mr. Piamann had several announcements. First, DEP will be testing for elevated levels of lead. Second, Mr. Paimann stressed the need to get a flu shot. For more information got to www.gov/flu. Third, the Department of sanitation will be stress more rule for getting rid of mattresses with bed bugs. Fourth, the Landmarks committee will have their meeting on December 12th at 6:30 pm and the State Office Building on the eighth floor. Finally, applications are still available for the Community board.

Public Hearing on Budget Priorities

Candi Halbert, treasurer, led the hearing on budget priorities. She explained the rules and regulations for the testimonies of speakers for the public forum. There were three speakers.

1 – Deborah Gilliyard, chair of parks and recreation talked about the need for an upgrade to the Colonel Young Park located on 145th Street and Malcolm X Blvd. Ms. Gilliyard thought that a state of the art gymnasium should be erected as well as an overhaul of the fields and playground equipment.

2 – Jaime Gonzalez had three initiatives:

- A. An upgrade of computers in local libraries.
- B. An upgrade to the fields in Colonel Young Park.
- C. More programs that focus on non-violence in the community.

3 – Dr. K. Samuels of Friends of Macomb’s Bridge, had two initiatives

- A. A new building is needed for the Macomb’s Bridge Library.
- B. A need for a new recreational facility in Northern Manhattan.

Ms. Halbert concluded the public hearing.

Business Session at 8:10 p.m.

Voting Item:

Land Use Committee:

Vote to approve letter of support for the site control of 2135 7th Avenue of Harlem Dowling from HPD to facilitate the construction of a 9-story building

Unanimous 31 Yes

In Conclusion, Chair Franc Perry congratulated the board on a very invigorating and informative retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.