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General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 1st, 2011 6:00 PM

Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building

163 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor Art Gallery

New York, N.Y. 10027

Hon. Chairman William Franc Perry III, Presiding

Meeting Commenced at 6:00 pm

Public Session

Community First: Honorable Henrietta Lyle called upon:

Jamilah Richards; Rep. of Council Member Inez Dickens office: Utilizing their Neighborhood restoration program they will be partnering with HDFC and other troubled buildings along with tenants with building issues. At the May 3rd rent guidelines meeting, a new set of renewal lease guidelines were unveiled that greatly effect our constituents. On June 20, 2011 a public hearing meeting will address the new rent guidelines at 7 East 7th Street. Contact the office at 212-678-5075 for more information on events.

Chairman Perry spoke about the open meeting's law in accordance with recording and video taping of meetings. He stressed again to the public that the area towards the back of the meeting room near the glass case, was the designated area to record and/or video tape the meeting so as not to be disruptive and obtrusive to anyone in the office.

Representative from the District Attorneys Office spoke about the Kahn case and the six count indictment against him. He also wanted to thank the board for an excellent year of keeping the lines of communication open between their office and the community.

C. Solomon of the Special Narcotics Unit of the D.A. Office with the continuance of handling complaints in a timely manner, an arrest in the Harlem River Houses for a known and repeat drug felon has been caught and pending eviction for using apartment as an unlawful business.

J. Tadajin; Parent Coordinator of FDA School stated that the community needs to engage more with the teenagers. He stresses that we "talk" with our youths and "let them know you are for them.

Dabney Montgomery gave a report on his visit to Washington. He was called upon to testify before a senate sub-committee led by Senator Paul Rhine. The topic Mr. Montgomery spoke on the state of the Social Security system for the seniors and the poor.

Sticking Points:

Mr. Montgomery stated that he represents one of the 55million Americans that receive social security.

The "Rhine committee" wants to privatize Social Security.

The “Rhine committee” has lost contact with the American people and their life and daily struggles.

The “Rhine committee” wants religious entities to stand alone and not be under the umbrella of a “not for profit” organization.

Maurice Cummings; Assembly Member Keith Wright Rep. wanted to thank Community Board 10 for their support. Mr. Cummings read a letter from Mr. Wright highlighting a few events. He wanted to thank all who attended the First Annual Harlem Anti-Gang Education Clinic that Assemblyman Keith Wright hosted along with an all-star roster of Harlem-based community leaders along with Hon. Christine Quinn. This event lets him know that the community is interested in seeking out the problems and creating solutions for the betterment of Harlem. Quoted from Mr. Wright’s letter, “Safety is a priority but not at the expense of our civil rights” and also “not at the expense of the criminalization of our youth”.

Mr. Jacobs wants to introduce a concept named “The Right to Honor” where as there should be a change to the street naming guidelines.

Veronica Keith of the Impact Tenant Association spoke on several grievances between the association and their new landlords; Ron Moelis of L&M Development. ITA had several points:

- The owner, Mr. Ron Moelis, has yet to meet with the tenants
- Began charging tenants for parking (in lieu of the space for a future new building)
- No more use of the community room
- Gated areas and tenants can’t access spaces that they were once able to commune.
- Unaware if the Section 8 contract was renewed or not.

Chairman Perry interjected to the Impact Tenants Assoc. that there would be a public hearing about the L&M Development and their proposal of a new building. They also would be able to voice their concerns at the public hearing session and would not have to adhere to the 2 minutes as in the Community First Segment.

Dr. K Samuels began to discuss a meeting she attended where she learned that Chairman Perry was running to be a judge. She thought it interesting that he was not running in Harlem and that he was running below Harlem. At that point Hon. Manny Rivera declared “**Point of Order**” in that Dr. Samuels was making a personal attack about Chairman Perry and not making an event announcement. There were several minutes that the meeting was disrupted and outbursts of Dr. Samuels yelling “they wanna know that he’s running for Judge below Harlem” and “they wanna hear about it” several times. She stated how she also feels that minutes are being sanitized. She also stated that there is real talent in Harlem. Her outbursts continued for several minutes before order was restored.

Jolinda Cogen had two announcements. First, the Zimbabwean Mission helped to support the “Groovee School for the Children” in Zimbabwe, Africa. It now needs our support for an event on September 27th 2011. The tickets are \$100.00. Contact Ms. Cogen at Jocogen@gmail.com. Second, the Harlem CB10 CERT, first response team has now been split. Central Harlem under the 32nd precinct will be led by Team Chief Sellars. Team Chief Sellars is looking to recruit from the Central Harlem Region. One can reach Ms. Cogen in her office.

Hon. Daniel Clark spoke about the Youth Council Committee and their success. Four young men from Democracy Prep spoke about the teen violence in the community. They compiled several propositions that may help to combat the violence. 1) Create community watch programs for neighborhoods, promote continuous dialog between police officers and the community. HCZ wants to also create centers for homework help and GED programs.

Raul Asure promoted the Juneteenth Celebration and encourages everyone to come out and enjoy the festivities.

Ms. Cresfield of the MMIPCA announced the 22nd Anniversary of House Tours on June 12th 2011.

Business Session
Roll Call 7:26p.m.

Upon the election of Assistant Secretary the nominees include: 1) Manny Rivera and 2) Christina Curry. The vote was Manny Rivera 27 and Christina Curry 12. Mr. Rivera will start his duties as of September 2012.

DOT (Department of Transportation) gave a presentation on Pedestrian Safety within Central Harlem. DOT and CB10 mainly focused on the KSI or (Killed or Seriously Injured) areas. Both groups would like to maintain continuous dialog to ensure that our needs are addressed. Any questions can be given to the District Manager, where he will do a thorough follow-up.

Public Hearing:
116th – 117th Street Rezoning, ULURP No. C110243 ZMM

A presentation was led by Ron Moelis of L&M to discuss plans to rezone a lot to build a 12 story building on the 116th street side of 100 units of affordable housing. There were several points of disagreement between the developer and the tenants. It was then decided that future conversations were needed between the two groups before the board could effectively take a vote.

Meeting adjourned 8:39 p.m.