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GENERAL BOARD MINUTES
Wednesday, September 1, 2010, 6:30 pm

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Hon. W. Franc Perry, Chair

Rules and order of meeting were announced by Chairperson, Frank Perry. Community Board 10 called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

Community board 10 Chairman, Frank Perry welcomed back the community to the first board meeting of the 2010 – 2011 session.

Crystal McKay, Sergeant-at-arms, reviewed appropriate behavior and protocol for community board meetings.

I. Community First – Henrietta Lyle, Vice Chair opened the Community First segment of the meeting she then called upon:

Lermond Mayes of Councilwoman Inez Dickens's office welcomed backed Harlem residents to the meeting. He announced that word from the Department of Education that P.S. 123 and the Harlem Success Academy have settled their dispute. Nine classrooms will be given back to P.S.123 from Harlem Success Academy. They are asking for parents of P.S.123 to continue the enrollment process for September 2010 school year. HSA will be actively searching for space to expand their program. This will settle the dispute between Charter School and P.S.123 parent. Mr. Mayes introduced two new members to their office. Ethan Mulligan will handle duties and responsibilities in the Upper Manhattan region, above 96th Street. Jamilah Richards duties and responsibilities are in the Central Harlem region. Finally, Mr. Mayes announced the passing of Councilman Tomas White. Mr. White was a great fighter for education. Services were held on September 2nd 2010 at Greater Bethel Church, Queens N.Y.

Jacob Morris, Director of the Harlem Historical Society discussed the **Freedom Sisters Exhibition**. The exhibition consists of 20 greatest women of the civil rights movement. Five were born in Harlem and nine were residents of New York State. Mr. Morris announced that Harlem is in the finals of being the final stop for this exhibition. He will let the community know the results.

Cathleen McCatlin from Assemblyman Keith Wright's office discussed 1) Mr. Wright helped to pass the **Domestic Workers Bill of Rights**. The Bill was signed August 31st, 2010. This will allow all Home workers, including nannies, the same rights as regular workers. This includes minimum wage, 40 hour work weeks and overtime. This is the first piece of legislation like this in the country. Mr. Wright worked on this bill for seven years.

Mr. Wright will co-chair the Manhattan tri-level task force. It was created by Senator Malcolm Smith after the shooting of Sean Bell in order to make recommended changes within the NYPD. Now they are focusing on the chronic unemployment in the communities. Mr. Wright will be co-chairing a hearing and anyone interested in providing a testimony the meeting will take place October 8th 2010. For Information please call the office at 212-866-5809.

Marian Perez is interested in putting together a campaign for a federally funded "**Department of Peace**". They will deal with issues of gang violence, violence in schools, domestic violence and international war and violence. The Department of Peace would use extensive research to tackle these issues and create programs to address these issues. It would use the support from local, national and international organizations to combat the problems. Also, Ms Perez feels this new Department is greatly needed in order to provide peace to our communities across the nation and the world. It would be very cost-effective as well. The Youth promise Act is a piece of legislation that is part of this new endeavor. Please contact Councilman Robert Jackson's office to support Resolution number 14, which would make New York City in support of national legislation.

Rev. Benjamin N. Scott, Pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church located at 101 West 123rd street and Lenox Avenue, wanted to speak to the men of the Ennis Francis Houses about jobs in the renovation process of the building. He stated that he is the contact person if they are looking for work.

David Brown, whose mother is a tenant St. Nicholas Housing (260 West 131st Street) expressed concerns about 1) a grandfather clause of apartments, parking, and the disposal or sale of St. Nicholas Housing projects. Ms. Lyle expressed to Mr. Brown that the St. Nicholas Housing issue was not on CB10 agenda for this month. She directed him to speak with the Chairpersons of Land Use and the Housing Committees to get more information about this issue. Mr. Perry stated that the issue of the new charter school slated to be built amid the St. Nicholas Houses has not of yet come before the board and is not a voting item for a resolution because no one had contacted him as of yet about the issue. However, they were willing to voice their concerns at the meeting. Members of the community said that flyers were put under their doors to come to the meeting. Mr. Perry explained that it was not done by Community Board 10.

Logena Past of Community 5 Division of the Harlem Children's Zone made an announcement about the proposed Charter School within the St. Nicholas Houses. There will be two meeting to discus the proposal of the 129th Street remapping. NYCHA and Harlem Children's Zone will meet with the following sub committees:

- 1) Transportation – September 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2) Land use – September 16, 2010 at 6:30p.m.

Ms. Past encouraged the community to attend these meetings so they may voice their questions and concerns about the matter.

Charles Calloway of WEACTION, announced that on September 22nd, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a town hall meeting with the MTA. The meeting will be an update on the **Mother Hale Clean and Green Bus Depot**. Location: A. Philip Randolph Senior Center 108 west 146th Street.

Ramon Corbin of the District Attorney's office reported that the Family day and August 8th National Night were great events. The event at the Polo Grounds was visited by Cy Vince. He listened to the concerns of the tenants and promised to have them investigated. His Contact number is 212-335-9059.

Helen Broady of the 115th Street Branch Library, discussed the new hours of the branches. Ms. Broady expressed that the library is looking for volunteers and one can go to their neighborhood branch for more information. She also stated the wide variety of programming at the 115th Street Branch and that programs and exhibits can be located on the webpage WWW.NYPL.ORG.

Educate-On-Line provides free tutoring to students. They provide families with a computer and free tutoring in reading and math by state certified teachers.

State Senator Bill Perkins welcomed back the Board and the community. Mr. Perkins discussed three points. First, his office will have future meetings about the community concerns of the St. Nicholas Houses. Second, The Rat Survey is going very well with over 3000 surveys returned. Mr. Perkins reminded the community to please return fill out and return surveys to the RAT task force in his office. Finally, the new paper ballot process is now in use through a federal law. Information on how to use them may be obtained at his office. Future classes will be available. Contact his office for dates.

Johnny Celestine of the French American Charter School announced they will be officially open for the September 2010 school year. The totally bi-lingual (French and English) charter school has their own space from an abandoned ACS building. They are located at 120th street and Manhattan Avenue.

Sadye Lee Vassil, Manhattan Coordinator of One Nation Working Together, announced that they will be organizing a march in Washington D.C. on October 10, 2010. The organization is marching for the Human and Civil rights of the American people. Topics include: rent hikes, unemployment, gang violence, cost of living increase and many more concerns of communities. Ms. Vassil may be contacted at SLVASSIL@GMAIL.COM

Public Session:

A. Roll Call - at 7:40 p.m. 33 Present 10 Absent 8 Excused

B. Motion to Adopt Minutes – Minutes from Community Board 10 General Board meeting held on June 2, 2010 was unanimously adopted.

C. Motion to Adopt Agenda – Agenda for the Community Board 10 meeting of September 1st, 2010 was unanimously adopted.

D. Chairman Report from Chairman Franc Perry – Wanted to thank Inspector Rodney Harrison for attending the meeting and looks forward to his attendance in the coming meetings. He welcomed back board member Gloria Richards. He reflected on the “summer of violence” with the multiple numbers of shooting and stabbings in the Central Harlem region. The board works continuously throughout the summer; when the 58th person was shot in mid July, CB10 was called together by the Borough Presidents office along with Inspector Harrison and other officials in to find ways to stop this random violence. Conceding that gun violence is hard to combat and is a multi-pronged problem that is hard to attack. This year they will be instituting a public safety task force to look at issues in public safety

specifically involving gun violence. It will be chaired by Mr. Michael Downing along with Mr. Keith Taylor to look at these issues. The Land-Use sub committee will be working on landmark issues in the CB10 area and Ms. Dubuisson will chair that sub committee. We have a land use intern that will be working alongside of the Land use committee. CB10 will be also instituting a 197-a task force including, the board, the community and the borough presidents office for recommendations of changes within the community. Finally, we received an award from the federal government about the 2010 census. Our reporting in 2000 was the lowest in the country. However, the 2010 census shows we had increased our responses by 33%, the highest in New York State. This will aide in more direct federal funding for programs and services to the central Harlem community. The CB10 community received a Thank-you from the U.S. Census Bureau for upping our numbers. Mr. Perry introduced the new District Manager Mr. Paimaan Lodhi.

Mr. Lodhi expressed how excited he was to be here. First he talked about how the CB10 budget had not been cut, but increased by \$8,000 dollars. Second, the creation of the 197 A plan task force will coming to fruition in the coming months that hopefully will come into law. And third, a new and thorough website will be up and running by the end of the month.

Ms. Hazel Dukes, chairwoman of the Health & Human Services committee, announced a Town Hall meeting about the problems and budget cuts within Harlem Hospital. It will be composed of doctors and community leaders talking about layoffs, Columbia’s contract discontinued, and other issues. This Health forum would give the community a thorough snap shot of the upcoming hardships that Harlem Hospital could possibly face especially since the closing of North General Hospital. This Health forum would take place in October (the 3rd week) with a date and place to be announced later.

The Land use committee had a presentation by the Abyssinian Development Corporation (ADC) in reference to the renovation of the Ennis Francis Houses by Ms. Wright. The board created a resolution of 8 points of concern that the community at large had about its renovation process. ADC went through all of their concerns with a concentration towards lighting, public safety and garbage removal, and appearance. ADC also presented a detailed plan for the Phase II new 8 story, sixty apartment complex that is to be built in order to house the tenants from Ennis Francis.

II. Business Session:

A. Roll call: at 8:40 p.m. 32 Present 11 Absent 8 Excused

B. Voting Item –

1. Land Use:

1. Abyssinian Development Corporation (ADC): vote to approve with conditions to the modifications to the 1983 Large Scale Development Plan (“LSDP”) governing the property (Block 1929, Lot 57) on which the Ennis Francis Houses are located (ULURP No. M840090(A) ZSM)

Result 24 Yes 3 No 6 Abstain