



CITY OF NEW YORK  
**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10**  
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**MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, 6:00 P.M. Harlem State Office Building  
163 West 125th St, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Gallery

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 P.M.

**Chair: Henrietta Lyle** Introduced herself, and welcomed everyone to the September meeting.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS UPDATES**

**Assemblyman Denny Farrell:**

- Reported on ongoing need to develop affordable housing

**Calvin Solomon, Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office**

- Reported on conviction of physician indicted for widespread unlawful distribution of prescription pills.
- Proposed opening of play street financed by drug forfeiture money has been delayed. Funds may be used for Teen Impact Center at Wadley

**Jocelyn Minaya, Manhattan District Attorney's Office**

- Ms. Minaya introduced herself as the DA's new Community Representative

**Nina Saxon, New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer's Report:**

- The Comptroller has established a Claimstat Alert program to audit all claims against NYC and Dept. of Corrections with goal of reducing tax dollars spent on claims.
- The Comptroller has established an audit of the NYC Housing Section 4 Resident's Employment Program which requires hiring of local residents by NYCHA
- The Comptroller has published a "Back to School" flyer with tips and resources on regarding the opening of the new school year
- The Comptroller is sponsoring an Hispanic America event on September 23, 2014

### **Department of Consumer Affairs Report:**

- NYC Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Julie Menin is undertaking to simplify DCA rules and regulations to make it easier for small business to deal with the DCA
- DCA fines will be reduced by one-third
- DCA Office of Financial Empowerment will work with families to help with credit management, budgeting, banking products and other personal finance issues
- NYC Council has passed Paid Sick Leave Law that will require some employers to provide sick leave to sick employees or employees with sick family members. Over 1 million employees will benefit from the law

### **Office of Manhattan Borough President Report:**

- Introduces new MBPO Director of Community Affairs Lucille Songhai
- MBP will be working on NYC Office of Management and Budget consultations starting Thursday. All Community Boards have input in this process
- MBP has formed two new task forces: African Immigrants Task Force and Seniors Task Force
- MBP participated in Woman's Equality Day
- Enrollment is underway for NYC pre-kindergarten program

**District Leader Theresa Freeman:** Reminded Community that the African American Day Parade will take place on Sunday, September 21, 2014.

### **NY State Senator Bill Perkins Report:**

- Discussed sidewalk shed/scaffolding issue. Mayor de Blasio has been successful in removing sidewalk scaffolding at NYCHA housing, but the issue must be addressed with respect to private property owners. He is working with the DOB.

### **NYS Assemblyman Keith Wright Report:**

- Assemblyman Wright addressed sidewalk scaffolding issue
- Praised the strong turnout at the Staten Island rally regarding use of force by NYPD. He has introduced legislation requiring NYPD to employ body cameras, and the NYPD has consented to implementing this.
- Assemblyman Wright will sponsor the African American Day breakfast at Harlem Tavern on Sunday, September 21, 2014.
- 135<sup>th</sup> Street/7<sup>th</sup> Avenue historic newsstand. The new building owner is trying to remove the 60-year old newsstand. Assemblyman Wright's office has found a new stand for the operator on 134<sup>th</sup> Street and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Public Session: 6:50pm**

**Roll Call: 31 present**

**Minutes of June 2014 meeting are being revised and are not yet ready for approval**

**Meeting Agenda adopted and approved with the necessary corrections.**

**Chairperson's report - Approved**

**District Manager's report - Approved**

**Secretary's report - Approved**

**Chair Henrietta Lyle Report:**

- Chair Lyle spoke on several issues that can be located in her CB10 monthly report.
- Chair Lyle reported that Community Board member Gloria Richardson has been very ill.
- CB 10 sponsored an excellent and highly successful Emergency Town Hall Meeting on Gun Violence on August 13, 2014
- The Community is urged to attend CB Executive Committee meetings where Board business and issues are discussed in great depth
- CB will endeavor to address jobs and training for Community residents with developers and new businesses when they arrive in our community. She has discussed this effort with Curtis Archer of Harlem Community Development Corporation. She will also speak with the Eagle Academy regarding their mentoring program.
- The Executive Committee will discuss new Committee Chairs at the next Executive Committee meeting. A new CB 10 Task Force will also be announced at that time.
- The Manhattan Borough President is encouraging Community Boards to bring on Public Members. CB 10 will look at how other Community Boards address this and discuss at next Executive Committee meeting.
- CB 10 is preparing its District Needs Statement. This will be discussed at each upcoming Committee meeting and Public Input sheets will be available at all such meetings. A Public Hearing on District Needs will take place at the October General Meeting.
- CB 10 Housing Committee will be studying the potential impact of the expiration or rent laws scheduled for next year.
- City Council Local Law 29 requires that all agencies and Community Boards have voter registration applications available at all public meetings. CB 10 will comply with this.

**District Manager: Andrew Lassalle Report:**

- CB 10 has hired a new Assistant District Manager and a new Community Assistant
- Staff has cleaned out and disposed of outdated files.
- A new CB 10 logo is being created
- A memo regarding CB 10 office processes has been distributed
- CB 10 website is being continuously revised and improved. Videos of recent CB 10 forums are available on website
- CB 10 will hire two interns to work on (1) a Community Based Organization Listing,

and (2) a Central Harlem Street Survey identifying and documenting all street defects, damages and circumstances that affect the quality of life of Central Harlem residents.

- An urban planning intern will assist with a Senior Citizen Affordable Housing Analysis
- CB 10 representatives Andrew Lassalle and Deborah Gilliard attend District Services Cabinet meetings. On October 15, 2014 a special meeting will be held for CB 10 members with City agency heads.
- Public email accounts are being set up for all CB 10 members
- September is National Preparedness Month. CERT representatives are present at today's meeting
- In compliance with Local Law 29, voter registration applications are available at the back of the room.
- CB 10 member Shanelle Washington, a member of Harlem SNUG, will lead a CB 10 Youth Sub-Committee of the Education Committee.

### **BUSINESS SESSION:**

**Roll Call: 32 present**

### **Voting Items:**

1. **Serf II, d/b/a "Babbalucci's"**, 331 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027. Application for full Liquor License

**Vote:**            24 Yes            8 No            0 Abstentions

2. **Naranja SSR Inc., d/b/a "Eso Restaurant"**, 2906 Frederick Douglas Boulevard, New York, NY 10027. Application for full Liquor License

**Vote:**            29 Yes            3 No            0 Abstentions

### **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. **WE ACT Representatives:** Announced Climate Justice Teach-In. The last meeting on the Mother Clara Hale Bus Depot is scheduled for the end of September. Reported on depot's green roof.
2. **Ramona Ponce, Community Emergency Response Team.** CERT will co-sponsor with New York State a Citizens' Preparedness Seminar in the Bronx.
3. **Julius Tajudeen.** Noted that CB 10 has had Public Members in the past. TJ will be re-introducing a Track & Field team at Wadley, which will be a full PSAL program.
4. **Lavena Rahim** will be reviving the former Theater of Renewal program

5. **Jackie and Jared (Urban Planner and Sustainability Expert)** are seeking CB 10 support to establish a commercial scale Green Roof on the roof of the proposed Whole Foods site on 125<sup>th</sup> Street and Lenox Avenue
6. **Justine (Representative of the Museum of the City of New York)**. The Museum is seeking to better engage the Community. Free Wednesdays for Community residents. Starting in the Fall, free admission for residents above 103<sup>rd</sup> Street. Special events space available for rental – discounted rates for community organizations. The Education Department is sponsoring Free Family programs on weekends. Free SAT preparation courses with preferences for Harlem and Bronx residents.
7. **Naomi – Free Dance Classes for Older People**. Programs in Harlem on Tuesdays and Fridays. Brochure available in back.

**Meeting Adjourned**