



CITY OF NEW YORK
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10
215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor—New York, NY 10027
T: 212-749-3105 F: 212-662-4215

HENRIETTA LYLE
Chairperson

ANDREW LASSALLE
District Manager

ARTS & CULTURE COMMITTEE
12 January 2015
6:30pm

Hon. Michael John Downie, Chair
Hon. Jennifer Prince, Vice Chair

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. and was held in the fourth floor conference room. Hon. Michael John Downie began the meeting by introducing the Arts & Culture Committee Members to the guests and members of the community.

Board Members in attendance: Jennifer Prince, Crystal McKay, Tuesday Brooks, George Harrell, Michael John Downie. Excused Board Members:, Kevin Bitterman, Brandi North.
Absent: Earl Keller

Six students from Frederick Douglass Academy joined the committee for the evening, including: Maxwell, Elena, Randy, Zenabou, Genesis, and Tajlibran. They introduced themselves and spoke of why they were interested in sitting in on Arts & Culture committee meetings – their interests varied. Other members of the community introduced themselves, including: Natalie Clark, Julius Tajiddin, Gina Ramchan and Kameeka Shirley from Harlem Routes, an organization that models itself after the television program, “The Amazing Race” and would be held in Harlem to familiarize people with Central Harlem.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: We spoke of Brandi North and Tuesday Brooks’ proposal, which is to organize a network of professional artists and pair them with younger emerging artists, culminating in an art show, a musical production or a fashion show with a fundraising component that would become a yearly event for the committee. The students would range from middle school through high school. The group artHARLEM came to mind when we spoke of the fine arts, since they sponsor the HOAST tour every October, which is a tour of painter’s studios in Harlem. We also came up with putting together an internship program with various fashion designers through the Council for Fashion Designers of America (CFDA).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: There were two announcements: Calling all artists for their work in Harlem – flyers will be handed out; and, a call to artists, that you have received via e-mail. Artistic, educational and personal growth advice was given out to the students from the board members and the community members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

