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Arts & Culture Committee Report

Monday, November 10, 2014
6:30-8:00 pm

Attendees

A&C Members: Michael Downie- ***Chair***, Jennifer Prince- ***Vice Chair***, Tuesday Brooks, Brandi North, and Earl Keller

Community Members: Andre Robinson

Absentees

Excused Members: Kevin Bitterman, Crystal McKay ***Unexcused Members:*** George Harrell

Agenda

- **Old Business**
 - Mission Statement Review
 - Go Africa
 - Arts & Culture Organizations
 - Holiday Events
 - Volunteer Role Assignments
- **New Business**
 - Announcements
 - Upcoming Arts & Culture Events
 - Cultural Center Planning
 - Children/Youth Arts & Culture Initiative Development
 - Committee Goals
 - Committee Action Plan

Old Business

- **Mission Statement:** Original (Or previously written) mission statement was reviewed and accepted by committee. The Arts & Culture Committee Mission Statement is as follows:
Arts and Culture- the Committee works to increase the public's level of access to information about the arts in the community; reinforces pride in Harlem's creativity and cultural expression; encourages the creation of public/private partnerships in order to make public spaces available for local artists to exhibit their work; forms collaborations with art and cultural institutions to enhance the community's access to

the arts; and encourages the use of art in public spaces (e.g. parks, gardens, lobbies, libraries, etc.).

- **Go Africa:** Will receive a letter of support from the Arts & Culture Committee in reference to Go Africa Network's proposed (1) day street festival on 116th Street between Lenox Avenue and Frederick Douglass Boulevard on Saturday, July 18, 2015. Hours will be 10am – 9pm. The mission of the festival is to promote positive multi-cultural, progressive events in the Harlem community that yield positive social-economic returns, provide general awareness of Harlem merchants as well as create further opportunities for local merchants. For additional info please visit www.goafricanetwork.org.
- **Compilation of Arts List:** The A&C Committee is attempting to compile a list of all of the arts organizations in Upper Manhattan, and could use the help of the board to supply the committee with names either submitted to the District Manager or the Chair of A&C. The list remains in the “creation” phase and needs a tentative date of completion.
- **Holiday Events:** The committee agreed to forgo any additional A&C sponsored events for the remainder of 2014, in an attempt to successfully organize and prepare for 2015.
- **Volunteers:** The following volunteer opportunities were presented: Minute Reporter, Holiday Subcommittee Lead, Arts Organization Task Force Lead i.e. responsible for Arts List Compilation. The status of these volunteer roles at the close of the meeting was as follows:
 - Minute Reporter: *Unfilled*
 - Holiday Subcommittee Lead: *Unfilled (role rendered null for 2014)*
 - Arts Organization Task Force Lead: *Unfilled*

New Business

- **Announcements:**
 1. “Father Comes Home from the Wars” is at Public Theater, located at 425 Lafayette Street at Astor Place, East Village, Phone: 212-967-7555, or visit www.publictheater.org. Dates: Through Nov. 16th
 2. Jeremiah Drake, the director from the Theater of the Oppressed will host workshops on Saturdays from 1-4 pm at the multipurpose room of Riverside Church For additional info contact Jeremiah Drake:
Email: thetheateroftheoppressedetc@gmail.com, Phone: 646-399-7188
 3. Langston Hughes Festival at City College is honoring Walter Mosley on Friday, November 21, 2014 at 2:30 pm
 4. Harlem Arts Alliance & The Africa Center executives have met with the A&C Committee Chair to discuss possible partnership opportunities with CB10.
 5. Andre Robinson, Executive Producer at MIST Harlem announced that MIST is under new management by the owners of Madeba Restaurant (BK) and is currently being renovated. Community Board 10 members are invited to the Grand Opening on December 9, 2014. For additional information contact Andre at (917) 250-1530 or ar@mistharlem.com.
- **Cultural Center:** Reference District Needs Statement
- **Children/Youth Arts & Culture Initiative:** Fine Arts Programming for Harlem youth (respectively 6th-12th grade)
- **A & C Tentative Goals**
 1. **Community Board & Housing Alliance:** Development/Creation of Art Exhibits within Residential Buildings & Public Spaces
 2. **A & C Events:** Poetry Speakeasy, Author Readings, and Children's Workshops

3. **Action Plan:** Partnerships/Alliances, Resource Repertoire, Tentative Events & Planning, Production Timelines, A&C Calendar(s), Children/Youth Initiative, Cultural Center Plans, Community Awareness Campaign and Committee Structure (Roles & Responsibilities)

Next Meeting

Input: In designing an event, what are the key elements that need to be present?

Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Revisit Volunteer Opportunities: Arts Task Force Lead, Subcommittee Lead (2015), Minute Reporter
- Final Submission & Completion Date(s) for “Arts List”
- A&C Events Structure Outline/Checklist (Reference: Question Above)
- A&C Tentative Calendar for 2015
- Address Old/New Items as Needed

Adjournment

Time: 7:48pm