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General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 – 6:00 PM
Honorable Chair Cicely Harris, Presiding

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AGENDA

- I. ELECTED OFFICIALS** (2 Minutes Per Speaker)
 - Many updates moved to Presentation Section.
- II. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Jacques Brunvil and Linda Jones-Janneh, of the Manhattan District Attorney’s Harlem Office presented video on the work of the DA, including their ability to provide virtual trainings and info sessions on Domestic Violence. Also, DA office is hosting a Gun Buyback program on October 17th at Bethel Gospel from 10am – 4pm. Contact CB10 District office or the Manhattan District Attorney’s office for more details.
 - B. Nina Saxon – Comptroller has been busy. Saxon shared links in the chat to their: Back to School Guide; their Press Kit on statements made by the Comptroller; the NYC by Numbers Report; and Comptroller Stringer’s report on workforce demographics. The Office is offering a fellowship with NYU to hire students to work with their office.
 - C. Minah Whyte of Assembly Member Al Taylor’s Office spoke on two Domestic Violence Forums, including one on Elder Abuse Forum to be offered in October.
 - D. Nina Norwood of Assembly Member Inez Dickens Office – focused on the Domestic Violence Awareness events this month, including one to be broadcast via Facebook.
 - E. Shana Harmongoff of NY State Senator Brian Benjamin’s office – Office has been involved in Census Phone Banking and upcoming voting events – more info to be sent to and distributed via CB10. Office Staff remains remote, but constituents can call and leave messages at their office and the staff will reply within 48 hours.
 - F. Athena Moore and MBP Gale Brewer: Bias Training workshops are ongoing and will continue in November for CB Members. Schools and access to devices for education remains an issue of concern; 2020 Capital Budget funds are now accessible; however, it can still take up to 8 weeks for a school to obtain devices. MBP Office is focused on small businesses sustainability – more info soon on a new agency and resources available. It is Arts Advocacy Month – and MBP Staff has been tracking issues of concern related to the local Arts & Culture Sector and the Coalition of Theatres of Color in NYC. 65% cut to weekend sanitation service and 100% cut to weekend – which must be restored.
- III. Joshua Clennon – CB10 District Needs Statement or FY 2022.** Taskforce has had had two meetings, and they have outlined our statement for the next year, including three most pressing needs for Harlem: Land Use & Affordable Housing, Public Health (gun violence, mental health, substance abuse, COVID-19); and Education (remote learning, staff shortages, capital improvements, access to Wi-Fi). Public survey has been deployed – see District Office for additional info. Next Task Force meeting on next Sunday 10/10 at 1pm and we hope to have a rough draft which will inform FY22 Budget Request.
- IV. PUBLIC SESSION**
 - A. 1st ROLL CALL – Assistant Secretary, Kevin Bitterman – 27 Members present – quorum established.
 - B. MINUTES ADOPTION (September 2020) – Assistant Secretary, Kevin Bitterman
 - No minutes from September; to be reviewed and adopted in November General Board Meeting
 - C. AGENDA ADOPTION (October 2020) – Assistant Secretary, Kevin Bitterman

- Motion to adopt the agenda by common consent, including the inclusion of Committee Reports and CB10 Leadership Reports which took place during public session into the business session. Moved by Dr. Dukes; seconded by Brown-Blackmon. No discussion. All in favor – No abstentions – No Recusals. Approved; motion carried by vote of common consent.
- D. ADOPTION of Committee Reports
- See above.
- E. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT – Cicely Harris
- NOTE: Report happened before Roll Call, so move to adopt the reproes as stated into the public session.
 - **SEPTEMBER WAS BUSY WITH EVENTS AND MEETINGS** – *Census Walks and Early Voting efforts are going out – and efforts to make streets safe for Halloween to be communicated. September Back to School Public Event was a success with giveaways for masks, backpacks, thermometers, and laptops! Community also celebrated Ms. Katie Nicholson’s 100th Birthday with a special proclamation to honor her service Harlem. BOROUGH BOARD: MBP has supported CB10’s Exonerated Five project, and would like to see this as a Borough-wide program; however, at least one CB is not able to sign on to support this project with their belief that the Exonerated Five had been compensated for their injustice and therefore that board believes that it is not necessary to honor them with a monument in Central Park. They also questioned whether the Exonerated Five need to be the center of CB10’s resolution to commemorate social justice and remembrance – more will be discussed in Hon. Horry’s Parks and Recreation Committee Report. NOTE: CB10 only needs support from CBs neighboring Central Park; however, for a Borough-wide resolution, a majority of CBs must be in support. OPEN STREETS: This program continues to be a big conversation in our District, specifically along FDB from 112th – 120th street. Apparently not all local Elected Officials were made aware of this program, approved by the Mayor’s Office. CB10 maintains its belief that business sector needs community buy-in and support for these efforts which have a direct impact on the residents, transportation, and sanitation in addition to a thriving ecosystem of small business. Many of the issues related to transportation were anticipated by CB10 and incorporated into our public meetings, and the Mayor’s Office and DOT have made a commitment, going forward, to notify CB10 when decisions and plans will impact CB10. FDDBA will return to the Transportation Committee meeting to in October to discuss CB10’s preference that they work with us and the community on their plans going forward – which can help to ensure that they remain a good community partner. NOTE: The Open Streets Program will continue indefinitely for the time being.*
- F. DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Shatic Mitchell
- NOTE: Report happened before Roll Call, so move to adopt the reproes as stated into the public session.
 - *CENSUS AND VOTING EVENTS hosted by Harlem restaurants are proving to be successful – many are led in partnership with local Elected Officials who are also providing PPE and meals. Early voting will take place Oct 24 – Nov 1. Check out Board of Election website for more info and locations. COMMUNITY ASSISTANT HIRE –job was reposted on Sept 15 and will remain open for 30 days. Due to NYC Mandate, a hiring freeze was implemented; however, CB10 received clearance to proceed with hiring one position this fall. NYC IN-DOOR DINING goes into effect today – temperatures must be taken, and contact tracking info must be provided for the table – no bar service and capacity cannot exceed 25% capacity. Heating elements and tents can now be incorporated for outdoor restaurant seating (propane and natural gas only) with FDNY permits required. PUBLIC SAFETY complaints regarding drug/narcotics situations are being logged and communicated to local agencies – and confidentiality can be ensured.*
- G. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS (1-2 Minutes per Speaker)
- Arts & Culture
 - No Report
 - Economic Development, Technology and Communications

- No Report – see minutes from committee meeting
- Education, Youth, and Libraries
 - No Report – see minutes from committee meeting
- Health and Human Services
 - No Report – see minutes from committee meeting
- Transportation, Historic Preservation and Landmarks
 - October Committee meeting has several items, including a proposed new Historic District from 138th – 140th from FDB to ACP. Also, on Oct 21st the NYC Landmarks Committee will hold a public meeting on this proposed designation. FDBA will also be present to discuss the Open Streets Program. Revel e-Bikes/scooters also presented to Committee and wants to be held accountable and active as we discuss issues of concern going forward.
- Housing
 - No Report – see minutes from committee meeting
- Parks and Recreation
 - Exonerated Five Presentation – heling process and awareness for the systemic woods of injustice. Committee presented a document/presentation that will be used to garner future support for the Exonerated Five Monument – this presentation will be used as CB10’s official statement on this project. Committee seeks board approval for use of presentation. Bitterman recommended the use of citations for photos and credits, context, and permissions for all images and subjects in photos. General board approval and appreciation for Member Horry and Committees work on this effort.
- ADOPTION of Committee Reports (Parks)
 - Motion to adopt the agenda by common consent, including the committee and CB10 Leadership Reports into the business session.
- Land Use
 - Harlem East Harlem Urban Renewal Plan – HPD presented ULURP in September, and second hearing will occur during October Land Use Committee meeting – please join us as this will be a voting item at the November General Board Meeting.
 - Reviewed the Balton Commons Early Start Variance –Developer presented in Committee again and has since submitted a letter that they are withdrawing their request for a letter of support to allow use of crane on site.
- Public Safety
 - No Report – see minutes from committee meeting

H. PRESENTATION OF VOTING ITEMS

- **Executive Committee**
 - Electronic Voting Resolution: November General Board Meeting will include election of CB10 Officers for 2020-22 Cycle. Due to COVID-19 and virtual meeting format, the MBP issued guidance on temporary bylaw revisions to allow for e-voting for the election officers. Proposed resolution would allow the election committee to be empaneled and carryout electronic elections in November. Recommendation is to 1) empanel the existing Election Committee and empower them to select any new members to fulfil vacancies; 2) allow the election committee to conduct the election in November using electronic voting. Template for resolution was provided by MBP and is available for use by all CBs.
 - Motion to adopt resolution as written made by Glover. Seconded by Powel. Discussion: the existing Election Committee members have expressed a willingness to continue their service (Dr. Dukes, C. Johnson, and D. Gill, thus leaving two seats vacant). All in favor – No objections - No abstentions – No Recusals. Approved; motion carried by vote of common consent.
- **Parks & Recreation**
 - The Exonerated Five & Social Justice Commemoration in Central Park. Motion to approve presentation and documentation made by K. Horry – moved by M. Moss; seconded by S. Gleaton. No Discussion. All in favor – No objections - No abstentions – No Recusals. Approved; motion carried by vote of common consent.

- **Personnel – need to go into Business Session (out of public session).**
 - Community Assistant Promotion
 - Motion to go into Executive Session made by T. Aboushi; seconded by K. Dixon. Attendees asked to log off – if a vote is to be taken, CB10 will return to Public Session as streamed on Facebook in 10-15 min.
 - Exited from Executive session
 - Motion to accept recommendation of Personnel Committee to raise the elevate the position of J. Anderson and to the level of Community Associate made by Dr. Dukes; seconded by M. Harrison. No Discussion. All in favor – No objections - No abstentions – No Recusals. Approved; motion carried by vote of common consent.

V. **BUSINESS SESSION**

A. 2nd ROLL CALL – Assistant Secretary, Kevin Bitterman

B. VOTING ITEMS

- **Executive Committee**

- Electronic Voting Resolution

- **Parks & Recreation**

- The Exonerated Five & Social Justice Commemoration in Central Park

- **Personnel**

- Community Assistant Promotion

C. OLD BUSINESS

- 124th Street – police and shooting on the streets – there is a strategy in place to remove police officers in uniform. Public Safety Committee discussed the issues at 124th and MBP in conversation with the 125th BID and PD28 and we need to hold them accountable. The illicit and dangerous behavior needs to be enforced – we need more foot patrol and coordination with CBOs and block associations. It is important for residents and community members to report concerns via 311 – so that it appears on COMPStat.

D. NEW BUSINESS

E. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Love on the Block Event– Oct 10th at 155th and Bradhurst Ave
- Friday last day to Register to Vote.
- Tuesday at 6:30 – CB10 trying to get young people to discuss priorities for this election season – panel is CB10 sponsored. Notice will be sent by District Office.
- Thanks, and appreciation given to the Live Captioner.
- Arts Advocacy Month – Harlem Arts Alliance and others are hosting a Town Hall – on Oct 14 at 6pm.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT at 8:44pm**

- Moved by M. Harrison; seconded by K. Dixon. . All in favor – No objections - No abstentions – No Recusals. Approved; motion carried by vote of common consent.