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General Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 2, 2019

Meeting Opened: 6:17PM

Attendees:

Cicely Harris, Shatic Mitchell, Charles Powell,, Raquel Vazquez, Marquis Harrison, Donna Gill, Karen Horry, Deneane Brown-Blackmon, Stephen Johnson Lisa Downing, Joshua Clennon, George Harrell, Safiya Mann, Mari Moss, Kevin Bitterman, Michelle Booker, Daniel Nathan Clark, Jamilah Clark, Christina Curry, Karen Dixon, Deborah Gilliard, Keith Taylor, Shanelle Washington, Cheryl Smith, Jerika Richardson, Delsenia Glover, Victoria Horsford, John Lynch, Eboni Mason, LaShanda Myers, Barbara Nelson, DerekPerkinson, Carlene Pinto, Tiffany Reaves

Excused: Dr. Hazel Dukes, Deborah Yates, Stephanie Palmer, Marcia Awobuluyi, Gregory Baggett, Tamara Martin,

Absent: James Archer, Troy Gethers, Michael Downie, Staci Ramos, Dominique Mejia, Crystal McKay, Charles Johnson, Stanley Gleaton,

Public Announcements

Wadleigh Secondary School for the Performing and Visual Arts
Principal Kyleema A. Norman

The school has a 91 % graduation rate, and students are performing well on the NYS regents examinations in US History, ELA, Algebra, Earth sciencesregents

"We want students that are smart artist with interest and skills "vocal, dance, music and visual arts.

11 students with the 5 AP classes, there are openings available for students in grades 6th through12th.

An "open house" is held on Tuesday evenings for parents and children to visit the school to see and discuss the learning programs available

Charles Powell - made the following comments regarding Wadleigh "the school was due to close over a year ago, and remains open and functioning and thriving", and members of Wadleigh marched with CB #10 in the African American Day Parade

Rev. Kendra Fraser, Associate Pastor Executive Director of the HOPE Center, connected with 1st Corinthian Baptist Church

Promoting grief counseling, recruiting and need health professionals

Alfeus Marcus resident of Harlem, class disconnect on housing and , we must together as one, our leaders are not doing it, our elected officials are not doing it, we must come together to ensure working with District 5 and NYCHA, residents of Harlem should get what they are suppose to get

Dr. K Samuels - commented respect and disrespect within the community, change in the "sign in" procedure for the CB #10 meeting, found it disrespectful when minutes/and agenda are not available prior to the meeting. There is no plan for the community, know the number of the black businesses in the community, the public needs to know.

Stephanie McGraw, CEO and founder of WARM -"We All Really Matter" located in the Harlem community, her personal experience with domestic violence resulted in her founding the organization as she is a survivor of domestic violence after a 9 year abusive relationship. On October 24, 2019 there will be a panel discussion on domestic violence at Salem United Methodists Church.

John McBride - of HDFC Coalition, spoke about Local Law 64 of 2018, which was passed by the City Council which requires developers to register new apartment on a new HPD site. Requires every HDFC apartment owner to register their apartment every yearn a website operated by HPD, and to list their apartment again when it is offered for sale or rent. The system is cumbersome and punitive, as many HDFC shareholders are elderly, may not use computers, do not understand English, and cannot pay the fines levied against them for noncompliance.

Mari Moss - National Black Leadership on Commission Aids has undergone a name change to the National Black Leadership Commission on Health, the change was due to the health disparities impacting our community disproportionately. Talk about the issues affecting our health, and openly discuss remedies to

On October 10th there will be a webinar on health disparities 2:00PM -3:00PM

and, October 22nd, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM a Town Hall discussion to be held at Harlem Hospital, Martin Luther King Jr. pavilion Upper Manhattan HIV stigma, Rev. William Francis Heart and Soul, Black Church and C Virginia Fields.

Jessica Chanesky - is a 20 year resident of Harlem, and produced a documentary from 2012 to 2016 on the intersectionality of racism and gentrification in the Harlem community. She turned the camera on herself as a white person. Screening of the film will be on November 7th, 5:00

at the New York Public Library, located at 224 125th Street Community There will be a discussion following the screening.

Jim Karras, is the Borough President's appointee www.charter2019.nyc, change of city primaries and voting in the city. Make the elections more responsive www.charter2019.nyc Look at website and proposals.

Protect CCRB from budget cuts unless there are economic reasons, jurisdiction and proceeding,

Shanelle Washington - remarks directed to the community do not blame "us" for issues that are not within our control, we can not undo certain things/issues in the Harlem community.

NAACP still exist, and it is issue base organization, we are against the high rate, high inflation, we do not rally behind any candidate

Street Corner Resources - Iashia Sekko -

Bring the CB #10 up to date on two shootings East 115th Street, near 5th Avenue. The son of the Dean of Bread and Roses High School, was murdered at 215PM in the afternoon while children were coming home from school.

Following the African American Day parade, there was a domestic dispute on 145th Street and ACP Blvd. Gun violence happens during all hours of the day. Kids were coming home when the shooting too

Proud to say that seven young people went to college from their program, always looking for scholarships, employment and training for our youth.

Peace Cafe, last Friday of every month. For more information, the telephone number is 212 694 8759

Derek Perkinson - member of CB # 10 and Sergeant At Arms, and Field Director for the National Action Network. We are hosting a special birthday celebration for Rev. Al Sharton, 145th and Lenox Avenue, all are welcome 9 to 11

NAN's activities are the Youth Huddle on Monday, DEF Club, Arts and Culture on Tuesday, Sports club, free self defense training for children and Adults on Thursday and Sunday, and Action Rally on every Saturday

Bronx chapter is very active, hosting a town hall meeting, featuring Carl Hastie and many others on Saturday at 1:00PM

Marsha Hudson, a resident of Lenox Terrace, and a native born Harlemites, is requesting the support of CB #10, to join with the community and residents of Lenox Terrace, as they are being threatened by the actions of large developers planning to expand the physical footprint and building complex. Request is to join with us at the October 17th meeting at Touro College, request rezoning, beware of developer bearing gifts, Harlem will never be the same

CB # 10's Land Use committee normally holds its monthly meeting on this day and time, and we will do so following the hearing regarding Lenox Terrace. All CB #10 members are requested to attend as their voices can be heard, and their votes can be counted in the decision.

CB #10 had an initial meeting in September, we had a hearing on this topic, and on Nov 6th, the General Board meeting will have a full vote on this issue.

Julius Tajiddin - spoke on the unlawful development of properties by developers on 125th Street, they have been found to be negligent, and are not keeping within the rules and guideline set for property development. Specifically, the following properties at 362 West 125th Street and 56 West 125th Street have been identified and there are others.

Suggested that a be drafted resolution condemning negligence of developers, and it should be mandatory that developers must present their plans before CB #10 to insure that the structures being built and developed are in keeping with the standards and rules prescribed by city agencies.

Developers that are negligent should be published in the media, and city investigatory agencies should monitor building sites.

I. ELECTED OFFICIALS

New York State Attorney General Office

Adrienne Felton

The NYS Attorney General announced that 82 rent stabilized tenants will receive \$6,500.00 in rent credits totaling more than \$500,000.00 as part of a settlement for repeatedly harassing tenants with deception and other forms of harassment, construction harassment and frivolous litigation by landlords. Coastline Real Estate Advisors, was identified as an owner of four huge buildings in one concentrated area. Planning to host a rent harassment forum on the awareness of what your rights are as tenants, this will be held on December 4th at Kennedy Center from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

income source discrimination, it is illegal for someone to deny you the rent of an apartment based on your source of income voucher, Section 8, whatever your source of income you cannot be denied.

Congressman Adriano Espaillat

Michele Booker

The US military academies continue to recruit candidates, and the Congressman's office has several slots available for graduating high school seniors that qualify

Recognition that the month of October is "Breast Cancer Awareness" month

Recognition that October 2 is the birthday of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall

Co Sponsored with Eric Adams Black Women's equal pay day with men

Together with Hakeem Jeffries co-sponsored the Excessive Use of Force Prevention Act in light of the death of Eric Garner, ban the use of the choke holds on a person being arrested.

Recognition of National Mental Awareness Week

Recognition of 9/11 attacks and the suffering of those persons that were first responders

Recognition of and resolution National Hispanic Heritage month

Assemblyman AL Taylor, 71st District
Nina White

2020 Census Job Fair was attended by more than 300 people
Elijah's Law was enacted children from K to 12, allergy attacks

Distributed more than 20,000 bottles of water crisis

Continue to collect clothes and nonperishable food items for Bahamas hurricane relief effort

* Manhattan District Attorney's Office
Dimandja Utshudi, Community Coordinator

* NYC Comptroller's Office
Nina Saxon,

State Senator Brian A. Benjamin
Ms. Sabrina

Property forum

Task Force Mix at Row House

District Town Hall meeting on October 28

Harlem Criminalizing of Marijuana

Athena Moore, Director of the Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's Harlem office, and Natalie Espinino. Awaiting the arrival of Borough President Gale Brewer to make her presentation

Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr.

Linda Jones Jenay, Director of Harlem office, and Renee Woodburry,
Community Partnership Coordinator

The month of October is "National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we educate the public about domestic violence awareness. On October 29th there will be walk and rally, from four different locations in Harlem culminating with a rally on the plaza at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office building .

Assemblywoman Inez Dickens
Nina Norwood

The assemblywoman has been traveling with the Assembly, they are in China, and upon her return there will be an update on the activities of the Assemblywoman's office

Assemblyman Bill Perkins
Cordell Cleare, District Leader

Early voting in NYC for nine days that you can vote before November 5th, election day. Spread the word to get out and vote

Chair's Report

There have been several resignations from the CB#10, Leevert Holmes resigned in August, and Seitou Jamel Hart. He has accepted an employment position in California and we wish him well and continued success. The Borough Presidents's office has been informed, and the Chair's office is seeking to fill the vacancies. We have discussed with Athenia Moore in the Borough President's office the candidate requirements to fill the positions, looking for a young person. We are asked the types of background/experience we would like see on the board, diversity of thought. If there are any suggestions inform the Chair.

Board committee appointments, welcome George Harrell to serve as the Chair for Arts and Culture, the Vice chair for the Arts and Culture is Jerika Richardson, she has moved from Public Safety with Charles Johnson. Safiya Mann is now the Vice Chair of Public Safety. Lisa Downing is the Chair of Land Use, and Karen Dixon is Vice chair for Land Use committee. Keith Taylor is the Chair for Transportation, and Gregory Baggett is to serve as Vice Chair.

We have been requested to serve as a co-sponsor for the town hall with other CB's on the Charter Commission Ballot Proposal. We have done this previously, this is an informational conversation which is scheduled for November 5th. This will be in conjunction with the other 12 CBs.

Thanked Nilsa Rama, the Chair of CB #11 and Barbara Askins, President/CEO of the 125th Street for attending this evening meeting.

Starting a new task force for Immigrant Rights and Needs Afro-Caribbean to be headed by Michael Downie. He previously served as the Chair of Arts and Culture, and will serve in this new position

District Manger 's Report

All Community Board meetings are being recorded and the recordings are being sent to the Chair, and every chair should have someone designated on their respective committees to take the minutes. Within CB #10s committee assignments and committee liaisons are trying to be more effective in responding to requests received for minutes, resolutions and letters of support.

Dominique is the liaison for Education, Health, Transportation, and Public Safety

Juanita is the liaison for Economic Development, Housing and Parks

Shatic is the liaison for Arts and Culture, Land Use, Personnel, and Executive contact.

Utilize the committee liaisons identified to setup and schedule meetings, and to assist with CB activities.

The CB resources and staff are not to be used for personal usage, nor should members of committees be contacted the board for assistance, have it done through the committee chairs.

Ordering resources contact District Manager Shatic Mitchell directly.

Events attended during the past month

September 11th - attended an interview at NY1 with Cheryl Willis, discussing Arts and Culture, George Harrell recently appointed Chair of Arts and Culture and District Manager hosted the R & B singer "Johnny Gill".

September 13th -attended African American Day Parade reception hosted by Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. During the festivities several CB #10 community residents and board members which have demonstrated their commitment and engagement to the community of Central Harlem were recognized and honored, these being Karen Horry and Karen Dixon.

September 13th - Drew Hamilton Houses -attended a popup event sponsored by the Food Bank of New York City, celebrities present were Issac Rocky and Jaden Smith. They handed out 500 bags of food to NYCHA residents.

September 15th -attended the African American Day Parade, which was sparsely attended by CB #10 board members. In the future, it is hoped that more board members will attend as it demonstrates our presence and commitment made to the Harlem community by CB #10. Thanked Deaneene Brown Blackmon organized and managed the breakfast, and she should be recognized.

September 20th -At the District Services cabinet meeting, it was brought to light that the streets and sidewalks of the community are strewn with litter and trash, has become unsightly.

September 20 - attended an event at Raymour and Flanagan which was makeovers for men, which included haircuts, manicures for those in attendance.

September 23 - Attended meeting at Drew Hamilton Houses where Legionnaires Disease was found to be in five building on the site. Three out of the five buildings are being treated. NYCHA residents are fed up. All five buildings are being treated and monitored.

September 27 - attended Morningside Park ribbon cutting events with Mark Levine of CB #11, this was to unveil a new playground in the park, which was well attended by community residents and their children.

September 24th - attended meeting at Borough President Gales Brewer' office regarding Mount Sinai expansion on 124th Street and Malcolm X Blvd. Many from the community are against the plans. CB #10 stands firm in its opposition to these types of facilities being placed in our community.

Committee Reports

Lisa Downing mentioned the October 17th ULURP training from 9:30AM to 11:30AM at CB #10's offices. Also the public hearing to hear from the community regarding the developer's plans for the Lenox Terrace complex.

October 16th or 18th - to have further discussion on the next steps to be taken regarding the Lenox Terrace expansion.

Voting Items -

Economic Development - Jennifer Prince the Chair of EcoDev There is a resolution for a new wine/beer license, and an effort is being made for approval JMB Harlem LLC Musette Wine Bar.

Parks and Recreation- Karen Horry -

Presented Resolution for" The 's Rights Pioneers Monument to be located on the Maii In Central ParkWomen Central Park's Literacy August 26, 2020 Monument to be not enough recognition to those women that were important to the women movement Added Sojuner Truth to the names of women being recognized. The statue is scheduled to be unveiled on Central Park'a Mall - Literary Walk on August 26th, 202 which will be the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which prohibits and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex.

CB #10 supports the revised monument through the new design to more appropriately represent this historic movement.

Harlem Meer

The redesign for the Harlem Meer is a \$150mm project to reconstruct Lasker Pool and the surrounding buildings and environment. Built in 1966, it has served as a rural oasis in the middle of an urban area. The location has fallen into disrepair and must be replaced, reconstructed to better serve the surrounding community.

The skating rink and pool, and the visitors experience to the location will be enhanced.

Board Voting Items

Resolution: JMB Harlem LLC, d/b/a Musette Wine Bar (New SLA Wine, Beer, & Cider Application

Yes - 25

No- 8

Absent - 17

Resolution: LPC Review of The Dorrance Brooks Historic District

Yes - 32

No- 0

Absent - 17

Resolution: Harlem Meer - Lasker Pool Reconstruction in Central Park

Yes - 30

No- 0

Absent - 17

Resolution: The Women's Rights Pioneers Monument to be located on the Mall in Central Park

Yes - 32

No- 0

Absent - 17

Meeting adjourned at 8:52PM