

**CB9 Arts and Culture meeting  
Monday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015  
@ Broadway Housing- 583 Riverside**

Called to order at start of meeting

**I. Call to order: 6:52pm**

**Present- Board members**

Joyce Adewumi, Chair (present)  
Harriet Rosebud (present)  
Signe Mortensen (present)  
Barry Weinberg (present)

Daria Hardeman (present)  
Michael Palma (present)  
Sabrina Francis (present)

**Absent**

Jo Johnson (public member)

**Guests:**

Carol Brown  
Pierre Voltaire

Rene Sing  
Kathy Saxby

**II. Adopt Agenda- approved with corrections** – remove Kofi Boateng, add to presentations- Renee sing, Vienna Carol and Carol Brown

**III. Adopt minutes- approved**

**IV. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements**

**Introductions-**

**Carol Brown-** Harlem Opera

**Harriet Rosebud-** Milliner and CB9 Board

**Daria Hardemann-** Singer/Actor of all respects- workshop on how to get business and stay working as a full

**Pierre Voltaire-** Fashion Design and Tech at Joseph Kennedy Center

**Michael Palma-** CB9 Board and resident-Montefiore Park-major redesign-

**Kathy Saxby-** English teacher and fiction writer

**Vienna Carol-** Singer, actor, playwright, gardener

**Tommy Thompson-** local performer/singer in CB9

**Rene Sing-** Fortune Society

**Signe Mortensen-** CB9 Board, Opera Singer, Block and Community groups

**Joyce Adewumi** –Arts and Culture Chair, Singer, Music Director, Nonprofit Administrator, and numerous Community Groups

**Presentations-**

a) **Rene Sing – Fortune Society – media program**

1. July 7<sup>th</sup> – New Session-Video Prod Class – all ages welcome but need experience with computers (mac)- they use Final Cut

2. Computer classes 10-12 M-Thur
3. June 12 – First Episode of documentary showing youth in WH going through media program at FS  
June 12 6-8pm- Fortune Society – 625 W 140<sup>th</sup> St

Discussion: How to get people from WH to come see this film? An audience can change the final film and product

- churches? Tap into spreading the word at churches
- Hand out flyers in subways and barber shops
- Texts and RSVP
- Social Media- facebook, tweeting
- Harlem OneStop – posts events
- Ways to connect actors and singers with media skills to showcase their work?
- Connect the practical application of media skills to future opportunity

b) **Vienna Carol**- singer, performer, playwright

- Black Roots Music – student of African- American history
  - Had 2014 debut at Harlem Arts Festival – performed numerous other places since then
  - the story of how we free ourselves
  - show that black music is the foundation of so much modern music
  - modern work songs – subway buskers (candy sellers)
  - street produce sellers used to call out their goods
- Sang “Strawberries and Glory” for us- words are found and she wrote the tune
- June 14<sup>th</sup> is next performance.
- Green Gurl Productions- WHDC grantee in first cycle- performed in West Harlem Libraries with “Singing with a sword in hand”
- She is looking for venues to “edutain” the community with this program.
- Suggestion to take it to schools
- Gave out cards and will add us to her mailing list

c) **Carol Brown**- Harlem Opera Theater (inc since 2001)

- Opera by Harry Lawrence Freeman – he was first to perform @ Carnegie renaissance and have operas on Broadway (Richard Wagner protégé)
- Collaboration with Morningside Opera Partnership and Harlem Chamber Players
- June 26 & 27 – Performance @ Columbia
- 10am on each day is a talk about opera in Harlem.
- Raised \$23k through crowd funding to do this project.
- Sunday- Eric Washington is doing a walking tour in Harlem based on life of HLF- his brownstone and other sites.
- Tickets on brown paper tickets

**Announcements**

## V. Subcommittee reports

### **Artists Directory Subcomm- Barry**

- no report

### **Artists Org Outreach Subcomm- Michael Palma/ Daria H**

- no report

### **Archives subcommittee- Jo Johnson**

- no report

### **Events subcommittee- Signe**

- no report

### **Marketing subcommittee- Harriet**

- no report

### **Resolution Committee – Sabrina Francis**

- no report

### **Strategic Planning Committee- Harriet/Signe**

- no report

**Needs and Assessments-** will need to meet during week to complete and submit

**Goals and Accomplishments** – presented a draft and discussed

- Goal 1: What does disseminate mean? As in, how will we disseminate information for our artist to community.
  - Brings up a good question about how we can improve our ways of sharing information to the community about our artists' events.
  - Email to board members with the various events and information? (too small- we want to spread info wider in fast way)
  - Promote events at our sponsored CB9 events
  - Target the information we receive from artists to a list of bloggers/listserves/other we have
  - Why can't we have a community calendar on the CB9 website?
  - Section of website for each committee? Can this happen? It was originally in the works years ago.
  - New IT committee has started and are working on this option.
  - Keep the goal as is for now- we do collect and disseminate (our database of artists for example) – but we need to identify ways to better disseminate information on website or other.
  - As a city agency we should help arts organizations that helps artist to spread the word.
- Reviewed Goal 2-4: good
- ADD Goal 5: Collaborate with CB9 Housing committee to advocate for artist housing in MCD9
- Reviewed to achieve goals section- good
- Reviewed Accomplishments – correction of NYCMF date May 30<sup>th</sup>,
- Partners/Organizations: Added St James church, added Mayor's office of film TV, NM Arts Alliance
- Be consistent in bulleting and layout of the document

- **NEED:** creating opportunities for artists to just perform. Need to support the value of arts for arts sake in the community.

**Other ideas to consider for future:** advocate for Artist housing, out of the box space for artists: closing churches becoming arts spaces?, brownstones and homes, reach out to block associations to find artist space opportunities. Encourage Ripley greer or other communal artists spaces that other community boards have (\$10-15 for a room).

**VI: Old Business**

NYC Multicultural Festival – thank you from Joyce for our help in the Festival

**VII: New Business**

None –have a good summer!

**VII: Motion to adjourn-**

**Motion passed**

Thank you for coming and see you next time!

Meeting closed: 8:46pm

Respectfully submitted by Hon. Signe Mortensen