

DRAFT MINUTES

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 9 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, September 9, 2013

Location: Broadway Housing @ 583 Riverside Drive

Committee Members:

Joyce Adewumi, Chair (present)
Harriet Rosebud (present), Signe Mortensen (present), Sabrina Francis (present), Paola Soto (absent)

Public Members:

Guy Bisserette (absent), Barry Weinberg (present), Jo Johnson (present), Roy Secord (absent)

Others in attendance:

Schawannah Wright – Associate Director of Community Outreach, Columbia School of the Arts,
Melissa Smey – Executive Dir. Of the Arts Initiative, Columbia University, Miller Theater,
Charlotte Lebit, Director of Marketing for Columbia Theater

Chair, Ms. Joyce Adewumi, called meeting to order at 6:53 pm

Minutes Approval

Minutes were approved by Sabrina Francis and seconded by Harriet Rosebud with the necessary corrections.

Agenda

The Agenda was approved by Signe Mortensen seconded by Sabrina Francis with the necessary additions.

Presentations/ Reports:

1. Artist Directory Sub-committee, Barry Weinberg, Chair
Had a meeting this summer in district office with the Chair, Rev. Morgan-Thomas, Ms. Adewumi, and the IT person for CB9 where the issues of server, the office database, and a new website for only CB9 Artists were discussed. All artists who did not live in District 9 were removed, but Barry would add information from a few more paper copies of the surveys collected. Ms. Joyce Adewumi informed Barry to go ahead and work on the database with the information he has and edits and additions can be done later. Chair calls

for a motion for the suggested action. Motion made by Jo Johnson for Berry to upload database as it stands today. Seconded by Signe Mortensen.

2. Artist/Organizations Outreach Sub-committee, Paola Soto, Chair (Absent)

No report at this time.

3. Archives Sub-committee. Jo, Johnson, Chair

Presented a power point of events that the Arts & Culture participated in over the last session. These include: 4th Annual Diversity Festival, Mr. Meeker "H" on 125th Street, LMCC (3) Grant Classes, NY City Water Day at Harlem Pier, etc. She also handed to the chair copies of the photos and DVD of the previous events and is currently waiting for photos from the "National Night Out 2013". Motion made to accept presentation by Sabrina Francis and seconded by Signe Mortensen.

4. Events Sub-committee ,Signe Mortensen, Chair

Signe created a spreadsheet that documented the members of Arts & Cultures' participation in the 5 events over the summer. The spreadsheet showed which events the members participated in, hours worked at each event and what particular job or skill was utilized or donated at each event.

Motion to except the spread sheet, presentation with the necessary corrections by Jo Johnson and seconded by Joyce Adewumi.

5. Marketing Committee – Harriet Rosebud, Chair

Harriet Rosebud spoke of a discussion had with Joyce Adewumi concerning the face of the next Diversity *Festival* aka the "brand" of the festival being solidified in the community. She said she is working with a graphic designer and should have something to show by next month. She also said she had exciting ideas to present to the graphic artist to create a real look for the festival and how it can be something to benefit the artist in the community.

As stated by Chair Adewumi there is a potential date for the next "Diversity Festival" and she will inform the committee as soon as things are solidified.

Rosebud stated that there is a desire to work with other large organization to tap into all the rich potential talent and presentations that could be a part of the festival.

Chair Adewumi stated that the festival is being called "Harlem's Multicultural Festival" so the brand may now become "The Harlem's Multicultural Festival: Celebrate Diversity, Celebrate You". Motion to except Marketing Chair report made by Signe Mortensen and seconded by Sabrina Francis

6. Resolution Sub-committee – Sabrina Francis, Chair

Sabrina Francis appointed chair for Resolution sub -committee by Joyce Adewumi due to Ron Peterson, the original chair, not being a board member or a public member so he could not be the chair of the Resolution sub- committee. He can be in the committee if he desired. Motion to except the change of chair for Resolution's Committee by Harriet Rosebud and seconded by Signe Mortensen.
No report at this time.

Presentation

Agenda was changed due to Melissa Smey needing to leave early. So discussions will take place after Presentations: Motion to change agenda made by Jo Johnson and seconded by Signe Mortensen.

1. Melissa Smey – Executive Director of the Arts Initiative, Columbia University came to announce the 2nd Annual Festivals of Lights presented by Friends of Morningside Park in collaboration with the Arts Initiative Miller Theater at Columbia University.

This year's theme is *The Luminous Deep*. There will be lantern making workshops that all in the community can participate in, no matter the skill level since all who participate will be taught by those running the workshops. In addition this year there will be satellite workshops for people that cannot make it to the workshops being held on campus. The event will culminate in a procession of lights/lanterns made in the workshop held during Saturday, September 14th – September 20th, 2013 and the procession of the lanterns will be on Saturday, September 21st, 2013.

Note: Last year the lanterns were donated to an organization which requested to use them for a public Halloween party; however, due to Hurricane Sandy the event did not take place.

Also presented were flyers that advertised the Miller Theater Season with a 25% discount code that is valid to Sept. 30th, 2013.

Announcements

Signe wanted to know how sure we are about the date of the "Diversity Festival" to be sure she can be here for the event. May have a conflict. Joyce needs to speak with those in the NY African Chorus to make sure they have solidified information about the tentative date. Signe will send an email to discuss matter further. Date is determined based on the availability of the desired space and the results of grant applications. Will inform when definite information is ready.

Jacqueline Orange – *Art Crawl Harlem* and *Taste Harlem* Cultural Tours, Owner of Organization

One focused on art in Harlem and other on restaurants and eateries in Harlem.

Schawanna Wright – Associated Director of Community Outreach of Education for Columbia School of the Arts, desires to create links and collaboration between students and the community artist and community members. Wants to put events on calendars to create awareness of events on campus life and community life to create interest, collaborations and interaction between students and Harlem community.

Jo Johnson – Announced that if you have pictures of any CB9 event to please email her so she can add them to the archive. Also asked for clarification about the change of Chairs for the Resolutions sub-committee

Signe Mortensen – Announced to please email her with information about who did what at any event she is unable to attend.

Schawanna W. asked if there is a generic calendar of events to be sent around. Chair, Joyce Adewumi explained the process to Ms. Wright. She also stated that soon we will have a specific A&C website and can place all upcoming events on the site.

Chair, requested that marketing report contain all the events of A&C that were forwarded and placed on the CB9 site.

Jo Johnson- suggested an email blast but Chair encouraged us to send individual blast of events that we receive since we all know different people.

Sabrina Francis is to send in an Official letter to A&C to ask for their collaboration with an event Arlicia's Music is having on Saturday, September 28th, 2013.

Jo Johnson announced a performance for Joya Powell for Sept. 11 memorial program at 8am in front of Lincoln Center.

Old Business

1. The hanging of the "H" on 125th Street has been postponed.
2. Suggestion that lanterns be placed along 125th.

New Business

Potential Projects

1. Art & Food Tour/Fair for people to eat and shop aka. "An Art's Night Out" with the idea of the brand of "Fashion Night Out"
2. Harriet Rosebud – proposed that we need to build alliances with the television and movie industry in order to find work for CB9 artist. Will be put on agenda of next meeting after speaking with the Chair Morgan Thomas
3. Jacqueline request that if anyone knows of craft shows in Harlem to let her know via email.
4. It was decided that CB9 Arts and Culture Committee would be involvement in Harlem Art Crawl/Fair. We are to come up with a name at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Sabrina Francis