

Community Board 9 M

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General Board Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 2013

6:40PM RGMT: We do not have a quorum. Welcome to our new Board Members. One new member is here James Armadeo . He comes to us from Board 12. Tonight it the night of the new board members orientation so the other new members are not in attendance. We have six additional new members. The Chairs' report is not included in the package. We are asking all Chairs to make sure that submissions be in the office the Thursday before the General Board meeting. Any information, action items, information that you want included so that it can go out so members can look over the information before the meeting. I will orally give my report. I apologize for any inconvenience to the members about the re-scheduling of the General Board meeting. She spoke with JI and CT about this situation. CT has been negotiating with the M-60 bus issue as the Chair of the Transportation committee. I feel confident about the actions of the leadership of this board of this board in their representation of this board. I shared with Secretary Singleton about the fact that the detailed minutes were instrumental to me in demonstrating the board's actions. Eutha and I have looked at a space at 133rd street and Broadway and we are waiting for some measurements and architectural rendering of the space. We are also waiting for indication whether or not DSAP approves. We are awaiting their decision. When we have this information we will bring it before the Board. We will ask some of the members with architectural experience to have their input. We have office space and meeting space in the same building. I spoke with the Hudson River Foundation and they indicated that have gotten a lot of great grants and they will be coming before the Board. Member Dula and her committee are working with the Hudson River Fund in making the final decision on what groups will get the grants. We also assisted in setting up focus groups with Columbia University and different groups and the Clergy and elected officials to go through the in-kind service portion of the CBA. A meeting was to be held on the 23rd. We helped collaborate with the open house with Columbia University. It was not well attended. We will look to have another open house in the Fall. A major concern is that we as a Board to support keeping house care in our community. The Health Committee has met with St. Luke's Hospital. They are discussing eliminating the Pediatric unit, eliminating Pediatric beds and the uptown campus and the sixth floor and detox services. This is a real crisis. Mt. Sinai has talked with their Board and they are moving forward with merging with St. Luke's' Hospital. Community Board nine has rallied in the past to keep St. Luke's Hospital. A new board member serves on the New York State Department of Health and he has agreed to be a part of the Health and Environment committee. St. Luke's has indicated that they met the necessary state agreements regarding service agreements. They have not gotten the City's approval yet. We also met with the Transco and they have gotten approval from the Design Commission. We can continue to say to them that we are not satisfied. I met the Boys and Girls club in

April. The Boys and Girls club has not declined meeting with the Board. They are being sent a letter requesting them to come to the General Board meeting. We would like them to come meet with the Land Use committee. They have filed for City tax credits. Their agreement to our request to preserve that building changes the entire scope. They are now seeking State tax credits they will look at re-applying to the City. They must get SHIPO certification before they are allowed to apply for City tax credit. We are working with the City's Black architects who have come together and with Senator Perkins who will advocate for them. St. John Devine's website does state that they had separate meetings and committed to the Chair of the Community Board. That commitment was made last year, at a public forum in which they stated publicly that if they moved forward with the development of this housing project they would commit to an 80/20 affordable unit ratio and they would also commit to hiring individuals from our community. This Board received a letter from the Executive Director of the West Harlem Local Development Corporation indicating that at our last meeting he felt offended and threatened as a result of his statement that he was working the numbers and we should not shoot the messenger. After LE's presentation about the Declaration of Covenant Mr. Kofi felt that he was disrespected and I allowed it and he wanted a public apology. I was not in the room and I wrote a letter to him. AT He came before us and he was an apologist for Columbia and he made a presentation. We did not direct any questions to him. RGMT. AT he is a public servant as we all are and as such if we are called to task we have to stand up and take it. We should not apologize to him. He felt that he might suffer harm and I wanted him to know that was not the case. We will call the roll to establish a quorum. TK we have a quorum. AB I was the one that raised my hand with the shoot the messenger and I apologize. JI I don't think that we should apologize when we call to task people who are performing services and by trying to reflect services that are not being rendered by sending out false accusations is a waste of time. Motion to accept the agenda omitting the report from Teachers College. JC a motion to include in the agenda two action items a resolution from the Housing and Zoning and Land Use Committees for NYCHA and a resolution regarding the Boys' and Girls' club why the Board has not made a decision regarding the developers asking them to come to the Board and present to the Board which is part of their deed. TK accept the agenda as amended. Our District Manager will report. Public Members report is included. Mr. Magette was not in attendance and his committee members requested that he give a report on the Youth Expo. Mr. Nelson was not present and therefore no report on his committee meeting with St. Luke's Hospital.

The CB9 Election committee consists of Mónica Dula, Alyson G. Browner, Linda Walton, Walter South, and Laquita Henry.

By-Laws committee report was given by LE. CM explained the amendments to the BY-Laws. A handout was given detailing these changes. These amendments will have to be voted on before becoming valid.

At the May meeting these laws will be debated and voted on.

Action Items: The roll was called. We have a quorum.

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Action Items: Tonelli Café 28Y 0 No 1 Present not entitled 1 Abstain

NYCHA 31Yes

Reso: Boys & Girls Club Tabled 18 Yes 11No

A request was made for a list of new members and to identify who was no re-appointed. The new member list will be re-sent.

Committees are asked to stick to the budgets that they submit. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Singleton