

**General Board Meeting**

**December 17, 2015**

**Community Board 9 Manhattan**

**16-18 Old Broadway**

**New York, New York 10027**

I. The meeting was called to attention at 6:46PM by Brad Taylor as there was no quorum. The meeting was called to order at 7:11PM when quorum was established with 25 members present.

II. The agenda was adopted.

III. The minutes were adopted.

**IV: Presentation/Update/Report on:**

1. Harlem School of Art by Eric Pryor, New President of HARlem School of Arts since August 2015. he talked about a new class schedule, open sunday classes, facelift to gathering space and art exhibits.
2. WEACTION for Environmental Justice presented their Northern Manhattan Climate Action Plan by Aurash Khawarзад, Policy Advocacy Coordinator.

**V.Reports**

**1. Chair's report:**

- The chair talked about DEP Associate Commissioner, Eric Landau addressing concerns of recent reported levels of formaldehyde which is associated with cancer and shared that New York City and New York State Department of Health have determined that the recorded levels pose no immediate health risk to park visitors or the West Harlem community. DEC's guidance level is 30 micrograms per cubic meter and samplings results have averaged 32 micrograms per cubic meter and DEP is taking immediate steps as a precaution to address this issues.
- The Chair attended the St.Luke's/Mt. Sinai forum and informed about the update that President, Arthur Gianelli, gave about the sales outcome of their buildings, 2 to take place this year and two more next year. President was asked to come at the next general board meeting to present these updates.

2. Treasurer report: included in the package

3. District Manager's report: included in the package

4. Borough President's office: Community applications are open and online. City planning hearing took place and discussion is taking place about a youth council for high school students.

**VI: Public Session:**

**1. Elected officials:**

- Herman D. Farrell- Holiday greetings. budget looks good thanks to monitoring banks.
- Controller Scott Stringer- Nina Saxon- red tape commission, press conference at Smith Houses- NYCHA audit, emergency preparedness needs work.
- Leticia James- Ed Sullivan-gun industry sponsored by TD bank..
- Mark Levine- Zoning proposals aren't supported, 30% of New Yorkers are left out, Waste Treatment Water Plant concerns, discretionary funds applications coming soon.
- Senator Perkins: Holiday Celebration on December 18th and Harlem Grange celebration on December 26th.

**VII: Action Item:**

See excel spreadsheet for votes.

**VIII: Old Business:** none

**IX: New Business:** none

**X: Adjourn:** on 9:04PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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Secretary