

**COMMUNITY BOARD 9M  
16-18 Old Broadway  
New York City, NY 10027**

**February 2009 General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: February 19, 2009**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Fortune Society**

As a quorum was not present, the meeting was called to attention by Chair Pat Jones

We then progressed to the **public hearing on the 2010 Budget priorities**

P Jones noted that agencies are to be cut \$2 Billion and CB priorities will have cuts as a result. P Favant spoke about the danger of the elimination personnel for police and fire.

As no other persons wished to speak, the chair noted that written comments should be submitted by 2-23.

As there was now a quorum, the roll was taken and 23 were present.

Board to adopt the agenda UNAM

**D Wilson / S Bailey McClain:** To adopt the minutes with any necessary subsequent emendations – UNAM

**P Jones then distributed Certificates of Appreciation** to organizations for offering meeting space to the CB

Broadway Housing Communities Inc: Certificate accepted by Ophelia Rodriguez

Fortune Society: Certificate accepted by Patricia Greenlinks

Heritage Housing: Certificate accepted by Lequeda Henry

George Bruce Library: Certificate accepted by Tiffany Austin

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**Presentation by Youth Councils: Chester Asher and Laura Benitez**

As there was a problem setting up the projector, we progressed to the Chair's Report

**Chair's Report: P Jones**

Written report in packet

Noted that there would be a service for four time past Chair of CB9M on 2-28-09 at the Cathedral of St John the Divine at 2:00

The Board is accepting content for a Book of Memories to be given to the family. Last day for submission is 2-28-09

Membership on CB9M

Appointments to be made on 4/1/09

Have already gotten 40 applications and have interviewed 30

We need reports from all committee cochairs

We are working on an Upper Manhattan Economic Summit to be held 3/13 from 8:00 to noon.

Noted that the Fortune Society Ground Breaking was very well attended.

At this point, the projector was working and we returned to the **Youth Council presentation**

Objective is to get organizations working on social justice issues to work together.

Youth Councils will address the issues. Get people to vote. They believe that they can help fill in the gaps caused by some of the cuts

Aim to keep kids motivated an in school

Wants CB9 to start a youth council

Referred to Youth and Education Committee

**Treasurers Report: A Fletcher**

Report in the packet

Next task force meeting 2/27/09 at 4 in CB office

**DM Report: E Prince**

Budget Hearings

2/24/09 Municipal Bldg: call 21.669.4442 to schedule testimony

2/25/09 State Office Bldg

The Council will hold hearings from 3/9/09-3/31/09 call 212.788.7040 to schedule testimony

TK/ C Thompson: To accept reports – UNAM

**Public Session:**

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**Mark Vacaro – Representative of Parks & Recreation**, states that Night Hawks are patrolling our local parks to prevent graffiti, and so far have made 13 arrest. The Horning Project is working on planting new trees in Morningside Park (59 new trees) St. Nicholas Park (72 new trees).

Responded to question on salt damaging green areas by stating that sand is more expensive .

**Moya Dunlap – Manhattan Mental Health** – offers services on mental issues to children between the ages of 4-18. Evening & Saturday appointments available. Also assisting families with help with community & Social services.

**Councilman Robert Jackson** – currently working law to ban the reselling of mattresses, and to have inspection notices posted on Water Towers. Also working with DC37 to avoid layoffs. Attended State of the Borough Address and met with Landmarks concerning the New Amsterdam.

**Reverend Georgette Morgan-Thomas** states that HPD is offering assistance to West Harlem residents with housing subsidies. Also calls for all to boycott the New York Post.

**Paul Rodensky** – Old Broadway Synagogue is currently 98yrs old and is seeking support to landmark the historic building.

**Walter South** read from a NY Post article that mentions pre-retirement firefighters working overtime to increase retirement funds and states that our Comptroller should be looking into this.

**Tom Kappner** – CPC - The national economic downturn has not affected Columbia's expansion since they are working with their own money. Columbia lied about ongoing negotiations with Ramon Diaz (Floridita Restaurant) and students recently held a rally to save Floridita. Wants to stop Columbia from using public dollars for expansion.

**Jeaneane Johnson** – Representative for Assemblyman Keith Wright – responds to Mr. Kappner by stating that Columbia University has not approached the State of New York for funding on their expansion.

**Ann Rocker** – states that there are 6000 vacant apartments throughout NYC.

**Jacob Frumkin** – 469 W, 152 Street – received a violation from Landmarks regarding the slashes on the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> floor windows. Due to the matter of time and expense, I am seeking the support of the board in order to maintain the windows and not replace them.

**Vernon Ballard** – questions the need for Mayoral control of schools. Suggest that more parental input and engagement in the PTA, Presidents Council and Community Boards are essential, added independence to the SLT, Parent Coordinators and District Leadership Teams. Evaluations by the legislative, judiciary and public experts of Student testing, school evaluation, school funding and administrative operations at the school should be implemented.

**Matt Bitz** – Representing Councilwoman Inez Dickens – is on board to boycott the NY Post.

**Kihani Brea** – Representing Councilwoman Dickens – Councilmember Dickens speaks at MTA hearing regarding cuts to M10 & M18 buses in Harlem.

**Shane** – Representing Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell – Assemblyman was pre at the ground breaking ceremony at Fortune Society's new site. Reminds the community of the legal clinic for tenants. Call for appt. 212-866-3970.

**Jeaneane Johnson – Representing Assemblyman Keith Wright** – stated that the assemblyman is working to increase minority owned businesses.

**Maurice Cummings – Representing Keith Wright** – accepting call on questions with grant money. Tel 212-866-5809.

**Dr, Samuel Roberts – Drop The Rock** – fighting against the repeal the Rockefeller Drug Law.

### **Resolutions**

[Note that the exact wording of the resolutions is available on the reso sheets which are attached to the minutes and should be considered to be part of the record]

#### **Temporary Art in Montifiore Park**

28-0-1-1

#### **Letter of Support for Senior Citizen Garden**

18-3-4-1

#### **Letter of Support for Public Toilets on W Harlem Piers**

28-1-1-1

#### **Support for Landmarking the Synagogue**

31-0--0

### **Old Business**

Upon request for news of the WHLDC, TK and P Jones reported that things were moving along faster as it appears as if the PACB will not give approval absent a benefits agreement. PJ stated that CU has gotten much more serious in the negotiations.

### **New Business**

For DCA grants go to [nyc.gov\ culture](http://nyc.gov/culture) see Chiante Bhrea

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Noted that state budget requests can now be entered electronically.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:55.

Respectfully submitted

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