

**Community Board 9M**  
**565 Broadway**  
**New York City, NY 10027**

**November General Board Minutes**

**Date: November 16, 2006**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Board Office**

The meeting of the Executive Board acting for the Full Board was called to order by Chair Jordi Reyes Montblanc [JRM] at 6:50

The attendance was taken: There was a quorum; see attached tally sheet for votes and attendance lists

Many: To adopt the agenda: UNAM

**B. Marshall/ P. Jones:** To adopt the September minutes with any necessary subsequent emendations UNAM

**Reports:**

**Chair: JRM**

Submitted in writing

Spoke of PS 36 – The CB was never consulted; K. Mitchell on assignment tonite on this matter.

PS 186 site: being informed is not being consulted. We must work with several communities.

Provided notes on the Borough Board meeting

11/29/06 There is a lighting ceremony at 135 and 145 – lights on at 7:30

**Treasurer: B. Marshall**

Submitted in writing

At this point Assemblyperson Keith Wright came into the meeting and was recognized Gov Pataki dismissed Him as chair of the Harlem CDC [part of the Empire State DC] Believes it retaliation for having supported a different hotel group [one that has roots in the community] than that backed by the Governor

The Governor appointed Paul Woffard in his stead and PW has yet to call a meeting

On 11-18 we will hold a press conference with Harlem mothers who have lost children to gun violence.

Opposes move to put high school in PS 36; will attend meeting on it with the community.

JRM noted that on 12-6 there will be a CB hearing on it.

**DM Report: L. McClean**

Provided last week's report, bringing it to date with attachments as he had been—and still was – sick.

Noted that we will go to winter schedule for pickups by Sanit. We must monitor snow removal and report if it is lacking.

Gave Kudos on Hispanic Night, singling out M Palma and Perez.

TK/BM: To accept the reports

**Nominating Committee: M Dunn**

Provided a sheet which clearly set forth the rules

She then announced the results of the committee's canvas of the membership and then the floor was opened for additional nominations. The committee's candidates are listed first and are in bold; those in regular font were nominated from the floor.

Chair: **Jordi Reyes Montblanc**

First Vice Chair: **Carolyn Thompson**

Second Vice Chair: **P. Jones, V. Gholson, Theo Chino**

Secretary: **Theodore Kovaleff, Ann Whitman**

Assistant Secretary: **Ramona Jennett**

Treasurer: **B. Marshall, M. Palma**

Assistant Treasurer: **Yvonne Stennett**

At this point the nominations were closed. M. Dunn then noted the responsibilities of the candidates including the fact that they must submit a statement of no more than 250 words and be present at the Candidates Night, Dec 4, 2006

Ann Whitman then announced that she had another pressing engagement that evening and could not attend on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. M. Dunn then reopened the nominations for the position of secretary. The list of those running became:

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As T Chino and V Gholson had become nominees, they were removed from the committee and were replaced by J Arrendell and G Goodwill

**Public Session: C Thompson chairing**

**Matthew Bitz for Councilperson Inez Dickins**

Distributed a newsletter which included items of interest to the Councilperson, some of which he summarized

Noted that they will attend the PS 36 hearings

Are committed to finishing Morningside Park before moving on to other projects.

T Gayer noted that the usage of River to River funding was not supporting arts and culture, but rather was being diverted to bars and restaurants.

**Martin Smith for Councilperson Robert Jackson**

The dog run is to be in place in the center of the park, roughly 136-7<sup>th</sup>  
Re 3333 Bway: Working on §8 and vouchers to safeguard the tenants  
1508 Amsterdam: trying to get back the TIL designation  
Announced the Bway lighting ceremonies

**Raphael Escaño for Comptroller W Thompson**

Distributed a news flier

Thompson is concerned re the Mitchell Lamas going to market rate

A Whitman inquired what is the cost to the city when tax exempt institution (such as Columbia U) seizes property from private taxpaying citizens to build restaurants, luxury housing, retail, etc "We would like to know the dollar amount of lost revenues to the future income stream. Tax exempt entities are abusing their status...."

**Joyce Goodman for Assemblyperson Daniel O'Donnell**

JG handles tenants rights and concerns

11/30 there is a tenant clinic; happens each month

Call 212866.3970 for info

**Linara Davidson for Borough President Scott Stringer**

Liaison for CBs 9 and 10

[ldavidson@manhattanbp.org](mailto:ldavidson@manhattanbp.org)

Introduced Shufy Pongnon as newest member of the BP staff

Spoke of Columbia plans to put a student health center in McVicker Hall [located on a residential block]

The Department of Justice has made a grant to the BP's Office for work on domestic violence in Upper Manhattan

Commended JRM on the Hispanic Heritage night

**Shonte McQueen on PS 36**

The school only goes to second grade and the parents do not want to share space with high schoolers.

**Philip van Buren: ESDC**

Has requested information on the ESDC and its activities with Columbia and its 197c plan. Despite using the freedom of information legislation, they had been denied the requested info

**Giovanni Puello: World AIDS Day**

Celebration on 12-1-06 from 3-6 PM at 1727 Amsterdam; Will offer free testing and entertainment

21.862.0054 for information

**Sabena Leake: St. Aloysius fund Raiser**

Group has been providing pre school literacy, PSAT/SAT assistance and academic support of students at below or above grade level. Also helps students preparing to enter

pvt schools. Have been doing this since 1979. Keith Wright to speak at the benefit breakfast [sold out!]

**Tom DeMott**

Gave update on ESDC

Other CPC meetings

Columbia in PS36 is identical to its expansion in the Valley

Called the politicians on the W Harlem LDC a voting block and stated that they had opposed public participation in the LDC meetings

Announced a student dinner on 11/29 @6:30 to discuss issues; call 222.8700 for more info

**Ann Rucker**

CCNY planning research on anthrax in our neighborhood

Building on NE corner of Bway and 110 is owned by Columbia and is putting luxury apartments into the neighborhood

Charged that Columbia Univ is paying off the members of the CB

**Business Session**

Gupta reso to be reworked before being sent but

Passed 28-1-2

**Old Business**

V Ghoulson: Concerned that the Board is not passing enough resos on the issues confronting it

**New Business**

**K. Mitchell** spoke to Deputy Mayor D Wolcott re PS 36

He appeared sympathetic, we should make calls and send him a fax so he can have all the background

**N Ramos:** Wants a W Harlem LDC report on the agenda and vote tally sheet for each CB meeting. JRM assented to the report aspect of the request.

**V. Gholson:** Then we should also get an empowerment Zone report too

**D Wilson:** spoke of the new performance space at CCNY [the Gate House]

Call 212.228.4570 for free tickets

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

*Theodore Kovaleff*

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	Roll Call 6:50	Roll Call 9:05	Gupta Letter Reso
J ARRENDELL	P	P	Y
C BRANCHE	Leave of absence.....		
S CARTER	P	P	Y
J CELESTIN	On Board Assignment.....		
T CHINO	P	P	Y
C CORBIN-MARK			
C DAMANDA	P	P	Y
M DUNN	P	P	Y
T GAYER	P	P	Y
V GHOLSON		P	Y
C GIESECKE	Excused.....		
C GILMORE	Excused.....		
G GOODWILL	P	P	Y
D GOVAN-LEGRND	Excused.....		
M JACOBS	P	P	Y
R JACKSON	Excused.....		
T JACKSON	7:00	P	ABS
R JENNETT	P	P	Y
M JEWELL			
JOHNSON			
JONES	P	P	Y
C KENT	Excused.....		
T KOVALEFF	P	P	Y
S. WRIGHT			
C LEE	Excused.....		
P LEWIS	P	P	Y
F MACK			
W MAJATTE			
B MARSHALL	P	P	N
S BAILEY MCCLAIN	7:30	P	Y
K MITCHELL	On Board Assig	P	Y
M NORRICK	P	P	Y
B NORTH		P	Y
M PALMA	P	P	Y
C PEREZ	7:00	P	Y
J RAMON			
J REDDICK			
J REYES MONTBLANC	P	P	ABS
N RAMOS	P	P	Y
W SOUTH	Excused.....		
O SOWAH	P	P	Y
B TAYLOR	Excused.....		
Y STENNETT	P		
G MORGAN THOMAS	P	P	Y
C THOMPSON	P	P	Y
TINSLEY	P	P	Y
L WALTON	P	P	Y
E WELCH	P	P	Y
A WHITMAN	P	P	Y
D WILSON	P	P	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28-1-2</b>