

**Community Board 9M**

**General Board Meeting**

**September 17, 2014**

**16-18 Old Broadway**

**New York, New York 10027**

We did not have a quorum at 7:48PM. Feruze Zeko was not on the attendance sheet. Her name should be added to the attendance sheets. We then had a quorum and the meeting was called to order. The Minutes and Agenda were moved and seconded. The West Harlem Development Corp. report was included in our packets, The treasurers report was in the packet. Five thousand dollars from Inez Dickens for community outreach and events was included in the report. Councilman Levin gave the Board \$2 thousand from his discretionary fund. This is his district and we hope that next year we will receive more funding from the Councilman. MTA advocate busy layover in front of Floridita and Dinosaur Restaurants was discussed. We are hoping for an adjustment of bus idling. DOT letter from community board concerning layover at 126<sup>th</sup> street was discussed. No reduction of sidewalk cafes for these restaurants. The High School in Harlem issue was discussed; particularly the presentation by Dr. Perry who principals a school in Connecticut was discussed and information concerning his proposal for a high school in Harlem was presented to the Executive Committee in July. We are hoping to have a high school in our district. As per our community benefits agreement we need a high school and the DOE has to approve and respond. JT They never came in front of committee and they cannot be here without our consent. The Chair responded , the Chair of Youth and Education was at that meeting in July. This is just an exploration . The letter issued was not binding. The Presenter, Dr. Perry will return to our meeting.

Mr. Puello from the Manhattan Borough Presidents office informed the board of on-going trainings. He also spoke on 12 week internship program application due October 6<sup>th</sup>. Community Board applications will be on line beginning November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Re-appointments and new applicants should be in by April 15, 2015. Trainings to be provided for board members at 125<sup>th</sup> street and downtown offices. The Land Use and Zoning community planning resolution schedule on the web site.

Assemblyman Farrell spoke on the railroad tracks at 155<sup>th</sup> street ground breaking in 2015 finishing 2017. The 155<sup>th</sup> street lighting problem will be discussed at the 10/15/14 meeting. He also spoke on the need for more garbage cans in parks.

Assemblyman O'Donnell is the Chair of the Corrections committee . He questioned the Boards resolution concerning education factors of the proposed high school in Harlem.

Councilman Levine spoke on the court's disapproval of use of credit history as a part of hiring criteria.

He spoke on the "poor door" policy of some residences. He spoke on the primaries in schools being at the Principal's discretion and to covert day to professional development days. He spoke on participatory

budgeting of one million dollars. Residents will determine how it is to be spent . These meetings will be held 10/15 at the George Bruce Library on 125<sup>th</sup> street and 10/18 at the Wilson Major Morris senior center and 11/18 at the 113<sup>th</sup> street library. There will be a march on Sunday sponsored by WEACTION for environmental concerns. On October 24<sup>th</sup> free digital mammograms at 141<sup>st</sup> street and Amsterdam Avenue at the Councilman's office. The telephone number is 212-928-6814 from 9-12:30PM.

The Uniform Services committee will have to issue a letter asking no permits for buses to use the highway. Some other information concerning families and flex time call Dan Campanelli at 212-669-8736 9/29 (flex time). On 9/23 Hispanic Heritage, The African American Day Parade next Sunday. There will be a NYCHA audit by Comptroller Scott Stringer (there are 5 open audits on NYCHA), also the Parks Department regarding tree pruning.

Victoria Mason Allen's telephone number is 212-854-3887. Her e-mail is vma116columbia .edu. TJ Complaints of discrimination concerning race and economic. Has she received any complaints? WS asked for statistics. Columbia University has applied to be the site for the President Obama Library. They have been selected for the next round. On October 11, 2014 Morning Side Park will have a festival. The Grill on the Hill has opened at 140<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam avenue. Steve Allonsio was there to represent the establishment and said they have a backroom available in about 3 weeks for members of the Board. His number is 917-917-6852.

The 26<sup>th</sup> pct. Community Council meets 9/30 at 6:30PM.

280 Convent Avenue at 141<sup>st</sup> is undergoing renovations – The Colin Powell Center for Social Justice new addition does not need landmarking.

Ratification of Executive letter of support

11 no 25 yes to table

Illegal clothing bins

Unanimous No

419 West 145<sup>th</sup> street

27 yes 2 no 6 abstain

9:03 Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted

Carole L. Singleton