

General Board Meeting

March 19, 2015

Community Board 9 Manhattan

16-18 Old Broadway

New York, New York 10027

The roll was called and we did not have a quorum.

An update on the WHDC was given by Kofi Boateng, Executive Director. He discussed grant allocations, SYEP, summer seniors programs and what the future should entail for WHDC. They developed a strategic plan which is on their web site. Education and youth development were items that CB9 felt should be focused on. Mr. Boateng quoted statistics concerning education and our youth. The WHDC will also begin to focus on affordable housing. A certain portion of each endowment will be set aside for interest accumulation to benefit WHDC grants going forward. The Chair mentioned continual requests from Columbia for in-kind services,

A presentation was given by Dr. Caroline Votel, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics on School Health and Community Engagement. She spoke on the need for investment in our children's education and mentoring. Think about schools as community centers. She spoke on the need to request services provided for by the government for education; Leveraging services in our schools; Family and community involvement are necessary for better schools (leveraging). She mentioned community and renewal schools, parents being involved in our schools and services available which are listed on the National Health web site.

A presentation was given by the DOT on the subject of Riverside Drive safety improvements proposed by DOT for the area between 116th and 135th street and 116th through 120th by Dan Wagner, Project manager for DOT. Slides were presented. He stated this was at the request of The National Parks Service, the Parks Department and residents of the neighborhood to improve the safety. He quoted accident statistics, fatalities, and injuries at these sites. He mentioned lane reductions, build-outs and triangle additions, curb reductions and medians. He mentioned the viaduct and proposed changes. There were many challenges to the proposed changes and data collection. The Chair stated that our concern is for the safety aspects.

There was a roll call to see if there was a quorum. We have a quorum.

The Chairs report was in the packets and the District Managers report. The new board office at 3291 Broadway will be ready by the Fall. The Treasurer's report: Councilmember Levine contributed \$1500 to Community Board 9. March 31 and Councilmember Levine will have a CPR training. Ernestine Welch is in Riverside Rehabilitation facility. We are asked to visit her. SYEP has begun.

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Borough Presidents office- application process is in the interview stage. Last interview is Friday. Heidi Lopez will be representing Councilmember Levine. Nina from the Comptroller's office addressed Metro card concerns and housing courts interpreters and playground claims. Martin Smith represented Senator Espiallat's office on budget requests for more affordable housing, S3741 act, and right to council act. Justin Simmons from Assemblyman O'Donnell's office has free tax preparation referrals, reform in the correction system, 90 e-mail deletion. Mr. Sullivan represented Public Advocate L. James's office related the rejection of her request for Grand Jury disclosure.

Public session – Low cost yoga and meditation, TPT program, WEACTION, North River Community,

Action Items:

Reso Opposition to Intro 585 – Term Limits

No 3 Not entitled 1 Yes 27

Letter of support renovations of 721 St, Nicholas

Yes 29 Abstain 2 No 0

North River Treatment Plan carries over to next meeting.

Respectfully submitted

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