

Date 5-22-14

Meeting called to order at 6:44PM

Minutes and Agenda Adopted at 6:47PM

Attendees:

Board members: Padmore John, Jane Arrendell, Monica Dula, Laquita Henry, Catharine Abate, Feruze Zeko

Public members: None

- Discussion was raised on the current state of the Air Quality monitors and what follow up action the committee and the board can take, in light of lack of response that has been coming from DEP. A decision was made that a strongly worded letter will be sent out to DEP/DEC from the Chair, with cc's to various Harlem elected and the deputy mayor's office for health and human services. This was brought about as there was no response from DEP and there were indications that the air quality around Riverbank continues to be of poor quality.
- We discussed the state of the mosquito issue at Riverbank. Following our resolution to DEP and Riverbank State Park, about the standing water that was attracting mosquito breeding, RSB had begun conducting larvicide. They went to all areas under the auspices of RSB and placed various chemicals in standing water to kill off the mosquitoes. However, DEP had not similarly begun this service and we felt that, if this was not undertaken, we would face an onslaught of mosquitoes. We decided to again reach out to DEP asking them for a timeline as to when they will begin to implement a program addressing the mosquito issue.
- We discussed the new legislature that was submitted by Councilmember Mark Levine for the creation of a Healthy Air Task force. We all expressed support for the measure, and agreed that a member of the health committee should be appointed to the task force as a representative from CB 9 with the Chair's approval.
- We discussed the upcoming health fair that will be supported by CB in collaboration with St. Luke's. Contact to the St. Luke's representative has become less frequent. We will be renewing efforts to get St. Luke's total commitment and to ensure that a date and time will be secured for the event.
- The Health committee discussed the health related items that the strategic planning committee is addressing. A document that began to address the issues as per the perspective of the health committee will be re-distributed with committee members expected to provide insight on how these items could be best utilized by CB 9.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12

Respectfully submitted by Padmore John