

General Board Meeting 9M

16-18 Old Broadway

New York, New York 10027

November 21, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM.

A motion to adopt the agenda. A time sensitive resolution was proposed to action items concerning St. John the Divine. Member Abate asked the District Manager to print the reso with amendments. CT Chaired the meeting as the Chair was at another meeting. CT asked did the Chair approve the new reso? EP No the Chair did not approve the new reso. WS: You don't have the authority. If they want to change the agenda. CT: I will add it under new business. WS: What you are doing is not legal. TK : Under Roberts' Laws of Order it is up to the full board to approve the agenda. If the agenda is not adopted we can put it as #8 under action items and then we vote. WS The easiest thing to do is change the agenda and not put it under new business. BT I just think as a point of order this is a reso that was passed by the committee of the Community Board so it needs to be placed on the agenda and the appropriate place is under action items. CT: Okay Brad it will be under action items. EP please pass out the reso. There was a presentation by Martin Wallace concerning Street Sweeping changes. We then went to the Elected officials. Keith Wrights office then Robert Jacksons office , there will be a street sign change on Saturday at 152nd street and there will be a reception following at St. John Baptist Church; on October 26th they gave out 600 Bike helmets; from 11-26 thru 12-16 the Harlem office will be closed. Assemblyman Temple representative (Ernestine Bell) ; Assemblyman Farrell was not able to attend the meeting but will be here next month, BP Stringer's office reminded the board members about earned income credit; Nick O'neill represented Assemblyman O'Donnell's office ; Alicia Barksdale informed the Board of a Senior dinner at 153th Broadway on 11/23 and a dangerous pedestrian situation at the 135th street and Broadway, CT we had discussions concerning this situation with a representative from DOT. Ms. Barksdale also informed the Board the HPD is downsizing in some of its properties and the resulting problems. She informed the Board that a lawyer is working with tenants concerning this situation. Corey Oretaga passed out a survey from Mayor-Elect DiBlasio concerning issues that are important to the community and rate their importance. This was done by the Board members and returned to Mr. Ortega. John Goldman gave out information concerning venture capital. Public Session:

Acropolis Cafe 29 Yes

2898 Bagel 29 Yes

Hudson River Restaurant 29 Yes

Amir's Food 29 Yes

La Palma Restaurant 29 Yes

Greenwood Lake Group 29 Yes

Morningside Ave. Safety 24 Yes 4 Abstain 1 No

BT an EIS statement is being requested for the St. John the Divine Project DR.G.: A youth program should be discussed for the previous program that existed in the area Manhattan Valley Youth Program run by John Best

The Vote was 23 Yes 5 Abstain 1 No

Dr. G. is the Cathedral landmarked? Are the grounds around it landmarked? No was the answer.

Reports

We have two new board members.

NYCHA landfill update: AT The NYCHA is proposing to construct luxury towers in 8 under utilized spaces. These spaces are parking lots, play grounds, community rooms etc. Justification is that federal cuts and fiscal problems with the city have caused such a deficit and this would generate capital. In reality this will not fund the repairs or capital improvements. Most people were opposed to this. HA issues a request for expressions of interest, which can be turned into provisional contracts. This was contested. There are lawsuits pending. The Judge did not rule. This Monday expressions of interest were accepted. Even if the Mayor-Elect did not agree he could be bound by these contracts. Tenants from Grant, Morningside, Manhattanville are organizing. They want then Mayor-Elect to go against this action. There is no requirement for an EIS statement.

PUBLIC SESSION

D McGuire: Keep Street cleaning regs in our neighborhood

I am concerned about cleaning streets less often. Rats on the street are already a problem. I see them feed at the curbs most nights. Let's keep NY clean [I am a car owner ; I park on the street]

J Benitez: Riverside Community Garden

Requests help in getting curb cuts at 138th and 12th AV for handicap access to garden and Park. The sidewalk needs repairs

A Tyler: Lawsuit re bankrupt tenants

Case before Ct of Appeals details whether a rent stabilized apt can be counted as an asset in a bankruptcy proceeding. Also decried fingerprinting of Rikers Island visitors

J Roman: Business loans

To provide merchants with access to working capital. 90% of applicants are approved for short term loans of up to \$250,000.00

A Rocker: Concerns

Friends of Riverbank met with State Parks employment of retired community worker positions. They must be given to new persons from the community.

D Vassar: Improvements to parts of Morn AV

Morn Av is unsafe for cyclists and for crossing at many points, especially for young and old. Far too much space is given to motor vehicles which are by far the worst possible mode of transportation in a highly populated setting.

B Hohol: SCR Change

Decreasing Alt side of street parking would be a great benefit: less pollution, saves time lessens noise and facilitate traffic movement.

A Barksdale: HPD

Senior Dinner at 333 on 11/23

Hopes new Mayor will sign a no downsizing of HPD bill

C Ortega: Talking transition

Gave a Questionnaire on priorities for the new administration

