

**CHAIR'S REPORT  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 19, 2009**

**JORDI REYES MONTBLANC MEMORIAL**

- Reyes Montblanc Family has finalized Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 2:00 PM at St. John the Divine; Fellowship will follow immediately thereafter
- All CB#9 members should have received an e-vite; RSVP's were due February 18th
- Written memories should be submitted to DM for inclusion in Memories Book (forms are on the back table)

**CB#9 MEMBERSHIP**

- Resignations
  - Cecil Corbin Mark
  - Eileen Merritt
- Leave of Absence
  - Margaret Jacobs
- Applications for Appointment
  - Approximately 30 applications are being reviewed by MBPO, out of 40 submissions

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

- Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs requested to submit accomplishments for the year to DM no later than February 20<sup>th</sup>
- Submission by Board due to MBPO by March 1, 2009

**UPPER MANHATTAN ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

- To be hosted by CB #9, 10, 11, 12
- Tentative Date: March 13, 2009 (8:00 a.m. to noon)
- Theme: Economic Stimulus Package – What's in it for Upper Manhattan

**MANHATTAN NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK (MNN)**

- MNN goal – Community Board TV
- MNN will provide full taping and staff for 28 minute segments as well as 30 to 45 second Public Service Announcements



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**AGENDA**

**Manhattan Borough Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 19, 2009  
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.  
1 Centre Street, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor**

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- **Adoption of the February 19, 2008 Borough Board Agenda**
- **Adoption of the January 15, 2009 Borough Board Minutes**
- **Access to the Region's Core ULURP Application**
  - Howard Sackel, Deputy Project Chief, Port Authority of NY & NJ
- **PEP Resolution Military Recruitment in NYC Public High Schools**
  - Erica Braudy, Organizer, New York Civil Liberties Union
- **Food in the Public Interest: A Report by Borough President Stringer**
  - Jenifer Clapp, Policy Analyst, Manhattan Borough President's Office
- **Report by the Borough President**
  - Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer
- **Communications & Reports**
  - Council Members and Community Board Chairs
- **Adjournment**

**Panel for Educational Policy Resolution Regarding the Adoption and Enforcement of a Chancellor's Regulation to Govern Military Recruitment Activities in New York City Public High Schools**

**WHEREAS**, the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) of 2001 granted military recruiters unprecedented physical access to public high school students and access to their personal directory information; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States military has increased its efforts to recruit high school students to meet wartime enlistment quotas; and

**WHEREAS**, Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer and the New York Civil Liberties Union surveyed over 1,000 students in 2007 at selected high schools and found that:

- More than one in five respondents (21%) reported the use of class time by military recruiters, a violation of Department of Education guidelines. Among high school seniors, an even greater proportion—over one-quarter of students surveyed—reported military recruiter use of class time.
- Two in five respondents (40%) reported that they did not receive a military recruitment opt-out form at the beginning of the 2006-2007 academic year, a violation of Department of Education guidelines.
- Nearly one in five respondents (18%) did not believe anyone at their school could properly advise them of the risks and benefits of military enlistment.
- Nearly half of respondents (45%) reported that they did not know to whom they could report military recruiter misconduct; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2008, the Department of Education revised its annual Principals' Directive on military recruitment to provide centralized reporting of student directory information to the military, thereby significantly increasing the efficiency with which the military can obtain New York City student directory information; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2008, 27 federal, state, and city elected officials from New York sent a letter to the Chancellor raising serious concerns about the adoption of the revised Directive, calling for a 30-day public notice and comment period on the Directive's provisions, and setting out a list of detailed recommendations for the protection of New York City students against aggressive recruitment activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Panel for Educational Policy is responsible for advising the Chancellor on matters of policy affecting the welfare of the city school district and its pupils; so

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Panel for Educational Policy recommends that the Chancellor suspend the 2008 Principals' Directive on military recruitment, including all deadlines included therein, and immediately commence a 30-day public notice and comment period on the regulation; and be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Panel for Educational Policy recommends that the Chancellor adopt in its regulations the protections suggested in the aforementioned letter from 27 elected officials, including

- The development of a well-publicized and centralized opt-out procedure designed to ensure that every student receives an opt-out form at the beginning of each school year and is provided adequate guidance and time to complete and submit the form
- The development and enforcement of strict regulations on physical access to schools by recruiters, and informing students and parents of these restrictions
- The designation and training of a staff person or persons at each high school on issues of military recruitment; this designee should be prepared to assist students in filling out and submitting opt-out forms, navigating and interpreting information provided by military recruiters, receiving complaints about the conduct of military recruiters, and making informed decisions about their future upon graduation from high school
- A citywide policy instructing all schools that administer the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) exam to choose Option 8, the information release option that provides the greatest protection for student information. The DOE should monitor and make publicly available which schools are administering the ASVAB exam
- The development of an effective and well-publicized grievance procedure for the reporting and tracking of recruiter misconduct, and make complaints available to the public (in a manner that complies with FERPA)

**RESOLVED**, that the Panel for Educational Policy recommends that the Chancellor discontinue subsidizing the federal government's recruiting practices by spending Department of Education funds for the recruitment of students; all costs should be borne by the Department of Defense.



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**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD**  
January 15, 2009

***In Attendance:***

***Presiding:*** Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

***Council Members:*** Mr. Jesse Bodine (representing Hon. Gale Brewer), Representative for Hon. Alan Gerson, Ms. Lisa Kaplan (representing Hon. Rosie Mendez), Representative for Hon. Jessica Lappin, Mr. Dan Pasquini (representing Hon. Daniel Garodnick), Ms. Grey Elam (representing Speaker Christine Quinn), Ms. Elsie Encarnacion (representing Hon. Melissa Mark-Viverito)

***Community Boards:*** Ms. Catherine McVay Hughes (CB1), Ms. Jo Hamilton (CB2), Mr. Dominic Pisciotta (CB3) Mr. David Siesko (CB5), Mr. Charles Buchwald (CB6), Mr. Mark Diller (CB7), Ms. Jackie Ludorf (CB8), Ms. Pat Jones (CB9), Mr. Franc Perry (CB10), Ms. Debbie Quinones (CB11)

8:51a.m. – Hon. Scott Stringer called the meeting to order.

Mr. Stringer moved for adoption of January 15, 2009 Borough Board Agenda. The motion carried. Mr. Stringer moved for adoption of December 18, 2008 Borough Board Summary Report. The motion carried as well.

**Overview of the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals**

Ms. Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair of the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), gave a presentation on the function of the board. The BSA is body independent from the Department of Buildings and Department of City Planning that grants relief from the zoning code for projects on a case by case basis. The BSA reviews three main types of applications: appeals, special permits, and variance applications. Community boards weigh in on variance applications which require the applicant to prove a hardship to change the zoning. The role of community boards in the public review process is to advise the BSA and recommend conditions for the applicant. This is not time sensitive like ULURP. Community boards are invited to attend Tuesday public hearings where open applications are discussed.

**New Youth Initiative**

Mr. Chester Arthur from Transform America presented on their Youth Council model. Transform America worked with Councilmember Mark Viverito on creating a Youth Council in District 8 and would like to replicate the model throughout the borough. The Youth Council is an after-school program that serves high school students. The curriculum components include lessons on community activism, policy making, electoral participation and college preparation.

Transform America's Youth Councils help to give community boards and council members a youth perspective of public policy and strengthens the community. They also groom future community leaders by helping to make young people aware of local issues and charging them with making a difference. To start a youth council, Transform America asks that the sponsoring community board or council member's office have a staff member meet with the youth once a month, provide or assist in obtaining space for weekly meetings, and identify community members to serve as facilitators.

**Vote on resolution to approve Whitney Museum 384(b)(4)**

Borough President Stringer – Yes  
 Councilmember Brewer – Yes  
 Councilmember Dickens – absent  
 Councilmember Garodnick – Yes  
 Councilmember Gerson – Yes  
 Councilmember Jackson – absent

Councilmember Lappin – Yes  
 Councilmember Mark Viverito – Yes  
 Councilmember Martinez – absent  
 Councilmember Mendez – Yes  
 Councilmember Quinn – Yes  
 Community Board 2 – Yes

The resolution passed with 9 in favor, 0 abstentions, and 3 absences.

**Report by the Borough President**

Borough President Stringer shared his January 14 testimony before the MTA regarding proposed fare hikes and service cuts. He submitted a petition against the proposed Access-A-Ride fare increases and spoke about protecting vulnerable riders, specifically the elderly and disabled. On January 8, the Borough President held a press conference with Chris Ward, Executive Director of the NY/NJ Port Authority, to announce the PA's commitment to provide a public annual report of the agency's inspection records and conformance status with NYC building and fire code. 240 people have attended five Community Board information sessions held by MBPO.

On January 22 and January 24 the Borough President will be hosting town hall meetings with Assemblyman Farrell in Washington Heights/Inwood and West Harlem respectively. On January 29 a Haitian Independence Day event will be held at 1 Centre Street. On January 30 a Free Tax Preparation event will be held in the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building to help people claim EITC and other public benefits.

***Report on Borough Board Budget Priorities, Susannah Vickers***

The Mayor's preliminary budget date has been pushed back from January 15 to January 24, 2009. Responses to the budget from community boards are due February 27, 2009. The Borough Board will hold budget hearings to solicit input from around the borough. The hearings will take place on February 23 at the Harlem State Office Building and on January 24 at 1 Centre Street. All five borough presidents will discuss citywide budget priorities on February 2 and the Borough Board's budget priorities report is due March 10, 2009. The community board annual reports should also be completed by March 10.

**Communications & Reports**

**Community Board 1**

Notify NYC has started and will go citywide after this pilot project is complete. Building code has been revamped as a result of 130 Liberty Street. The construction bust is causing unfinished construction projects and empty lots all over the district.

**Community Board 2**

PlaNYC is creating more public space in the district. The community board is fighting the MTA to save the M8 cross-town bus.

**Community Board 3**

There are 25 members who have signed on to the Chinatown working group, which also includes CB 1 and CB 2. The Chatham Square Redesign Task Force met last week and is working with traffic analysts and schools to give the City input on the project. The City has committed to a construction command center (in the LMCCC model) for South of Houston.

**Community Board 4**

600 new affordable housing units were announced for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Avenues. A hearing is coming up on the 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue rezoning. CB 4 is holding a hearing on the plight of nonprofit theaters with CBs 1-5 on February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Community Board 5**

CB 5 held a "New Schools Now" forum at FIT. The CB is trying to create more consistency with public notification meeting policy.

**Community Board 6**

CB 6 is concerned that mayoral agencies ask for comments on projects after deadlines have passed.

**Community Board 7**

CB 7 has issued their response to the Riverside South draft scope of work for environmental impact statement. Two meetings were held with over 200 people at each. The CB issued a resolution disapproving the Fordham University master plan. Of particular concern is that the plan only includes envelopes not actual building designs. 400 people attended a meeting on the issue. CB 7 issued a resolution opposing DOE's capital plan.

**Community Board 8**

CB 8 wants a down-zoning of mid-block FAR from 5.1 to 4.0 to make the UES consistent with the zoning in the rest of the borough.

**Community Board 9**

Former board chair Jordi Reyes-Montblanc passed away on December 18, 2008. There will be a memorial service at St. John's the Divine in early February and a brief tribute at the January 15 board meeting. All are welcome to submit remarks for a booklet that will be given to Jordi's family.

**Community Board 10**

The January 22 land use committee meeting will serve as a "Land Use 101" presentation for local residents. On February 23 there will be a summit at the Schomburg Library on the future of economic development in northern Manhattan. CB 10 has begun a partnership with the U.K. to discuss issues as they relate to urban areas. Thanks to Lolita Jackson at CAU for facilitating this.

**Community Board 11**

CB 11 is organizing an orientation for new members. The CB is looking forward to Hunter College School of Social Work relocating to East Harlem. There is a movement to revitalize the Victoria Theater.

*The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.*

## What is Manhattan Neighborhood Network's Mission?

Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN) is responsible for administering the Public Access cable television services in Manhattan. Our purpose is to ensure the ability of Manhattan residents to exercise their First Amendment rights through the medium of cable television and to create opportunities for mutual communication, education, artistic expression and other noncommercial uses of video facilities on an open, uncensored and equitable basis. In providing services, we seek to involve the diverse racial, ethnic and geographic communities of Manhattan in the electronic communication of their varied interests, needs, concerns & identities.

Public Access Television is supported by Time-Warner Cable and RCN Cable, under a franchise agreement with the City of New York. MNN is made possible by the work and support of thousands of individuals and groups in New York City.



## What does MNN's Community Outreach and Media Services Department do?

This is the department at MNN that provides services to community-based non-profit organizations—such as community, cultural, arts, labor or social justice organizations. By making their own media these community groups increase their outreach, create community dialogue, and promote social justice or local cultural expressions. MNN's mission is to foster a media literate society, and to build a media infrastructure to serve the needs of all Manhattan's residents.

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Media Department**  
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### MNN's Main Facility:

537 West 59th Street  
(bet. 10th & 11th Ave)  
Take the A, C, E, 1, B and D to  
59th Street - Columbus Circle

### MNN's Downtown Satellite Site:

**@ DCTV (by appointment only)**  
87 Lafayette Street (bet. White & Walker St.)  
Take J, M, N, Q, R, W, Z, or 6 train to  
Canal Street.

### MNN's East Harlem Satellite Site: (by appointment only)

1699 Lexington Ave. (bet. 106th & 107th Sts)  
6 train to 103rd or 110 Street  
Tues/Fri 12-8pm Wed 12-6pm



## Tune Into MNN!

**Time Warner Cable Channels:**

**34 | 56 | 57 | 67**

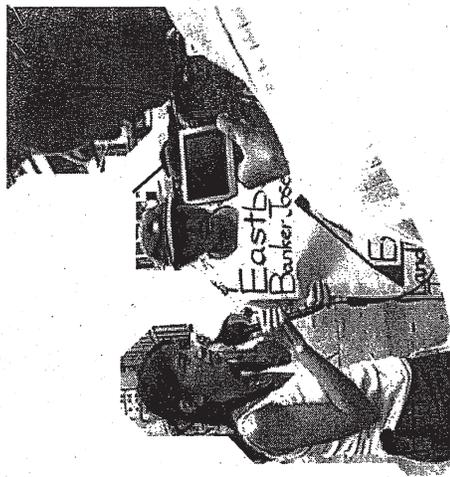
**or on RCN Cable Channels:**

**82 | 83 | 84 | 85**

**Also streamed live at [www.mnn.org](http://www.mnn.org)**

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## Description of Services Offered to Non-Profit Organizations

All of our equipment and resources are available to your organization free of charge!

- 1) Free Training:** If you are a Manhattan based not-for-profit organization your members can receive free TV-making training—so your organization can communicate with your members or reach a broader public. (Please see "Training & Resources" for details)
- 2) Community Media Grant Program:** Generally, once a year MNN provides community-based organizations with an opportunity to apply for community media grants to support the purchase of video equipment for your organization, to assist the training of your members, and to help with other expenses linked to your media project.
- 3) Facilitated Productions:** In certain circumstances, we will provide your organization with a video crew—all you have to do bring is your ideas to our studios and we will supply all the staff and skills needed to make your own television program.
- 4) Airing Pre-Produced Programs:** Your organization can send us a completed video program and/or a short Public Service Announcement and we will air it on our MNN channels.



## Training & Resources:

### Television Studios

Ideal for talk shows, live call-in shows, drama, cultural, musical and other live performances. Requires a trained crew of four or more people to operate. Studios are located at our 59th street and Chinatown locations. All our studios are equipped with the tools you need to make professional studio-television programs including titling equipment, tape deck to "roll-in" previously recorded footage, and telephones for live "call-in" from the public.

### "Express" Television Studios

Ideal for live call-in shows, on-air talk and advice shows. Requires a trained crew of one or more people to operate.

### Camcorders

Ideal for making shows on location around the city. We offer regular workshops on how to use camcorders and other location equipment—such as microphones and lights. Once trained, members of the public may borrow camcorders free of charge to create programs for MNN.

### Video Editing

We offer computer editing classes in Apple based iMovie and Final Cut Pro software.

For information about how your organization can begin making its own local television programming, please visit [www.mnn.org/com](http://www.mnn.org/com). You can also call the Community Media Department hotline at: (212) 757-2670, ext.352.

## Frequently Asked Questions:

- Q:** Is my organization eligible to receive services from the Community Outreach & Media Dept (COM)?  
**A:** If your organization is an accredited Manhattan-based non-profit or community based organization these services are available to you!
- Q:** How does my organization apply for your services and training?  
**A:** Once you contact the COM Dept to request training, we'll send you an application to fill out. We will review your completed application with other staff & set up a consultation meeting with your organization to determine what type of training and/or other services you should receive.
- Q:** How many members of my organization can get trained?  
**A:** Generally, the Community Outreach & Media Department will train organizations with 4 or more people. Community groups with less than 4 people can be trained by the Access Services Department. Please contact them at (212) 757-2670 x312 for more information.
- Q:** How long are the training sessions?  
**A:** It depends on the type of training you receive. We usually conduct the training once a week, for 3 hours each session. Generally, three camera studio training are 5-7 sessions, "express" studio training are 3 sessions, camera training are 3-5 sessions, and editing training are 3-4 sessions.
- Q:** Do you provide classes in languages other than English?  
**A:** Currently our Department can offer classes in Spanish and Chinese.

