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GENERAL BOARD MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010 6:30PM

Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building
163 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor
New York, New York 10027

Hon. W. Franc Perry, Chair

Chair, Franc Perry, announced rules and order of the meeting. Community Board 10 called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Crystal McKay, reviewed appropriate behavior and protocol for community board meetings.

Chair, Franc Perry opened the meeting about some disturbing news. A member of the community, who is **not a member of CB10**, has been making accusations and conducting activity that is not becoming of a board member. Hence this situation has been turned over to the Department of Investigations for further scrutiny.

Community First – Henrietta Lyle, Vice Chair, opened the Community First segment of the meeting. She then called upon:

Dr. M. Hurly of Harlem Hospital gave huge accolades to the well attended rally at Harlem Hospital in response to the proposed budget and service cuts. The hospital was able to maintain the neuro-surgery unit and the rehabilitation unit. However, there are still concerns about layoffs and the hospital is already down 70 doctors.

A representative of Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office discussed legislation passed named **Domestic Worker's bill of Rights**. The New York Legislature passed the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, [A.1470B](#) (Wright)/ [S.2311E](#) (Savino), making New York the first state in the nation to provide new standards of worker protections for more than 200,000 employees in an industry which has gone unregulated for decades. This historic legislation guarantees protection from discrimination, notice of termination, paid sick days and holidays, and other basic labor protections long denied to nannies, housekeepers, and elderly caregivers employed in private homes.

Assemblyman Wright will be also working on a **Jaden's Law**. Along with the National Bone Marrow Center, there will be a Jaden's week beginning November 16th as the kickoff day.

Ms. Dela Rosa of Assemblyman Daniel J. O'Donnell's office reported about a letter sent October 19, 2010 to the Executive Director of the SUNY Charter Schools Institute, Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell strongly condemned a new charter school application and called for its immediate rejection. The application, submitted by the Success Academy charter school network, requests approval of a new charter school to be sited on the Upper West Side of Manhattan in Community School District 3. However, it does not specify a proposed location within District 3. In his letter, O'Donnell noted, *New York State Education Law §2853(3) states that in New York City "all charters authorized...shall be obligated to comply with the department's health, safety and sanitary requirements applicable to facilities to the same extent as non-charter public schools in such city school district."* O'Donnell also stressed the issue of space in the District's schools, discussing the severe overcrowding experienced by Community School District 3 for the last several years and the fact that many of the children who live in District 3 are presently on waiting lists for their zoned schools. O'Donnell concluded by calling upon the SUNY Charter Schools Institute to reject the application until specific school siting information is included, transparency is improved, and community input is increased.

Secondly, on November 8th 2010, there will be a panel discussion about inside tips on what it takes to have a successful career on Broadway from current entertainment professionals. The Apollo Theater's Education Program is providing the free panel discussion at the Apollo Theater, 253 West 125th Street.

Mr. Gordon Moore of Operation HOPE, Inc. (HOPE) is a non-profit, public benefit organization. Through a series of public/private partnerships and strategic alliances, HOPE has developed and implemented programs focused on connecting the minority community with mainstream, private sector resources, and empowering under-served communities. The office is located at 2511 Frederick Douglass Blvd. and phone number is 917-477-2800. The HOPE Banking Center New York will be holding several workshops that focus on budgeting, credit/debt issues and understanding your credit score, home ownership and entrepreneurship. The next meeting will be held on November 6th and December 4th 2010 from 11:00am – 1:00 pm.

Representatives of Disaster & Immediate Evacuation, LLC discussed issues of (Emergency Action Plans or E.A.P). On November 13, 2010, there will be a workshop at the Harlem Branch Library, 9 west 124th street. RSVP 646-435-0666.

Representatives of the Citizens for the Preservation of the St. Nicholas Houses voiced their concerns on the proposed charter school and the opening of the 129th street cul de sac in the middle of St. Nicholas Houses. They are very concerned about the proposal and the effects that it will have amongst their community.

Dr. Samuels gave a report on her dissatisfaction about CB10 meetings and the sterilization of the minutes.

Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer spoke on several issues. 1) Mr. Stringer congratulated elected officials on their wins for their positions. 2) He announced the **BANK ON** program that helps individuals establish bank accounts and not rely on other institutions ei.

Check cashing places, pay-day loans etc. 3) Public Housing issues: the elevators in NYCHA are in poor shape. Senator Schumer has pledged to invest \$70 million dollars in order to have them repaired. Their will also be a housing forum November 15 2010. Finally, MBP Stringer thanked Mr. Perry and Mr. Lodhi, for the work they are doing on Community Board 10 work.

Senator Bill Perkins spoke on his re-election citing the 94% of the winning votes. There will be a special session in Albany on November 15 2010 in order to divide money from the “Race to the Top” program and member item funding. He praised the Harlem Hospital rally. Mr. Perkins thought that overall the voting process went well. However, many people complained about the font size of the information in that it was too small. This will be addressed for future elections. Mr. Perkins spoke about the upper Manhattan subways are very much rat infested. MTA has been sent a letter about the problem with hopes this problem will be taken care of quickly. Finally, he announced his running in the NYC Marathon.

Councilman Robert Jackson spoke about his testimony about the upcoming budget cuts. On November 13 2010, there will be a college fair at Riverbank State Park. Mr. Jackson also spoke about his support of the Judges order about the waivers for new minority NYFD recruits.

Jacob Morris announced his push of street names in the Harlem Community. He recited a poem he wrote entitled “Hey Willie Mays”.

Manny Rivera talked about his displeasure of the experiment of not being able to purchase products containing sugar (sodas etc.) with food stamps. He would like to compose a forum about this topic.

Denise Saddler announced that Frederick Douglas Academy II would be having a Fashion Show on December 3 2010. The clothes are being donated by local businesses in the community.

Sylvia Hooper announced the **Foster Parent Advocacy Foundation Inc.** She is looking for volunteers and can be contacted at 1-917-536-1377.

Dr. Hazel Dukes, Chair of the Health Committee announced an initiative between Fairway Supermarket and the senior citizens of the Harlem community. They are looking for 10 or more seniors to participate in going as group to the store in order to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. If interest you can contact the CB10 office for more information. 212-749-3105.

Roll Called at 7:35 pm.

Business Session:

Chair Franc Perry had three comments. 1) A meeting with the tenants of 123rdstreet and Perks Bar/Restaurant was successful. Perks is committed to addressing the concerns of the block association. 2) In February 2010 a Women in Small Business roundtable will be established. He asked Ms. Baylor, Ms. Joseph and Ms. Hollis to help with the initiative. 3) In March 2010, a consumer credit/debt roundtable will be established. Final dates for these roundtables TBA.

Treasurer's Report: Candi Halbert. A portion of the December 1st 2010 General Board Meeting will be devoted to a Public Hearing on the district needs and proposals for the City's preliminary FY2013 Budget. Groups and individuals representing all segments of the community are encouraged to participate in the hearing. One must pre-register in order to testify. Please call 212-749-3105.

District Manager's Report: Piamann Lodhi had 6 announcements. 1) Yichen Tu will be Community Board 10 urban planning fellow. She will assist the board in a comprehensive analysis of the District including general map-making assignments. This will aide in the composing of 197A Plan. 2) The Landmarks Committee will now be holding regularly scheduled meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. As of January2011, the meetings will be held at the board office. 3) At the District service Cabinet meeting, DOT announced that it has installed pedestrian countdown signals at the intersection of 125th Street and Lenox Avenue. The other intersections along 125th Street will be soon to follow. 4) Under Capital-eligible projects, CB10 has listed the improvement of Col. Charles Young Park as its highest priority. We are hopeful the improvements will be in the near future with the help of the Parks Department and the elected officials. 5) Community Board Applications are now available on our website (www.nyc.gov/mcb10) and Community Board 10 office. The deadline for all new applications is Friday, January 14 2011. 6) Don't forget about the CB10 Retreat on November20th 2010 and Harlem United office at 125th Street and Lenox Avenue.

Roll Called: 8:15 pm

Voting Items: Economic Development Committee: Full Service Bar/Restaurants

1. Mamannems – 2354 Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard

33 YES 1 NO

2. The Wild Grape – 2647 Fredrick Douglass Boulevard

29 YES 1 NO 4 ABSTENTIONS

Meeting Ended 8:40 pm.