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**MARCH 2013**  
**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order @ 6:15 pm**

**PRESENTATIONS**

Elected Officials:

1. Maurice Cummings – Speaking for Assemblyman Keith Wright.
  - a. Albany Update.
    - i. March 5<sup>th</sup> – increase in minimum wage legislation to \$9.00/hr.
    - ii. HCDC: Small business development pilot program
      1. 3 year initiative.
    - iii. Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ Assemblyman Keith Wright’s Office – Free Legal Clinic
      1. 6-9 pm.
    - iv. Assemblyman Keith Wright announces his willingness to come speak with intimate groups of 10-15 people at their homes or other personal spaces.
    - v. Harlem Branch of the NYPL hosting workshop for adults to find jobs.
2. Nina Saxon – Speaking for the Manhattan Borough President’s Office.
  - a. Thanked everyone who attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Trailblazers Event.
  - b. NYCHA Issues:
    - i. Transparency with their housing initiatives.
    - ii. Community Involvement.
  - c. MBP’s press conference at 117<sup>th</sup> Street & 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, for boy who was killed.
    - i. Drafted a letter to DOT for new safety measures.

- d. Senior Guide – resources for Seniors.
    - i. Contact number for guide – (212) 531-1609.
  - e. Announced that the MBPO is at the end of the CB application process.
3. Cordell Claire – Speaking for Senator Bill Perkins.
- a. Expressed support for MBPO study for DOT’s safety program in response to boys death on 117<sup>th</sup> Street.
    - i. Also expressed need for coordination of Safety Crossing staff.
  - b. School closings, phase-outs and co-locations in Central Harlem.
    - i. These actions are not engaged with the education of our children in mind.
    - ii. Urban Assembly and JHS 13.
      - 1. These closings helped nothing.
  - c. Co-sponsoring by elected officials will keep the rental of the HSOB, for CB10 General Board meetings, at \$0.
  - d. Central Park 5:
    - i. Calling for interrogations to be video tapped.
    - ii. City owes the Central Park 5 compensation.
      - 1. Senator Perkins urges everyone for support.
  - e. CB10 Chair, Henrietta Lyle, thanked Senator Perkins for his efforts to resolve the HSOB issue.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Roll Call: Quorum not established.

Chair’s Report:

- 1. Chair is working on a draft of her accomplishments, to be presented at the April General Board meeting.
- 2. Update on Mr. Montgomery.
  - a. Currently Mr. Montgomery is in a rehab facility.
    - i. Soon he may possibly be discharged home.
- 3. Chair encourages all to support Women’s History Month.
- 4. Announces CB10’s joint collaboration with Harlem Hospital in providing free mammograms for women under 40, during the month of March.
  - a. Free screenings will take place on each Saturday of the month, i.e., March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

District Manager’s Report:

- 1. District Service Cabinet Meeting Highlights.
  - a. PSA-6 and 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct. Both the PSA-6 and 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct discussed efforts towards mitigating cell phone theft. Central to these efforts is the registration of cell phones,

particularly iPhones. Such registration allows for the possibility of a quick recovery of the stolen cell phone, as well as the identification and prosecution of the offender. Furthermore, it was revealed that currently a central City-Wide database for cell phones is being developed to further enhance the efforts to mitigate this growing problem.

- b. Harlem Justice Corps. The Harlem Justice Corps informed the Cabinet on their six (6) month jobs training program. The program, which is part of the New York City Justice Corps initiative, is an intensive career development and service program for justice-involved young men and women, ages 18-24, who are seeking employment, education services and meaningful opportunities to serve their community. The Harlem Justice Corps, through this program, seeks to improve the education and employment opportunities for Corps members, reduce recidivism and support community development in Harlem.
- c. Commission on Human Rights. The Commission on Human Rights informed the Cabinet on the agency's Peer Mediation program and specifically highlighted the program's experience at PS 129. The program is a ten (10) week intensive program which teaches high school students at participating High Schools, conflict resolution and peer mediation skills. This is achieved through a two (2) hour commitment per week, after school, by program participants. As the program participants learn these valuable skills, they actually utilized them to resolve actual conflicts within their school's environment.

## 2. Focus Areas for the District Manager

- a. Central Harlem's Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan. The CHPP is still very much a priority at the District Office. To that end, a more clearly defined work agenda has been defined for the Urban Planning Fellow, which not only reinforces Community Board 10's commitment to the CHPP, but seeks to maximize the weekly commitment of the Urban Planning Fellow.

At present, the Urban Planning Fellow has begun the process of taking a picture of every building/lot within the designated extension lines of the CHPP, which contemplates approximately three hundred sixty (360) buildings. Thereafter, the Urban Planning Fellow will begin the process of providing information on the history of each building/lot; including renovations and modifications.

- b. Budget Matters. CB10 is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2014 New York City Preliminary Budget at the next General Board meeting on Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Community residents will be provided a venue to testify on their reactions to the various agencies responses to CB10's priorities and requests. After the public hearing, the community responses will help form the basis for CB10's Statement on the Preliminary Budget, which is written and submitted to the Mayor, with courtesy copies to the City Council, the Manhattan Borough Presidents Office and the Borough Board, which aims to make CB10's sentiments heard before the finalization and presentation of the Mayor's Executive Budget.

## Assistant Manager's Report:

- 1. Discussed the Over/Under Saturation Project.

- a. Project is in the beginning stage.
  - i. Identifying facilities in Central Harlem.
  - ii. Mapping such facilities.

Committee Reports:

- 1. Health Committee.
  - a. Presentation.
    - i. Rosemary Bell – Presenter.
      - 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Cancer Prevention Study (AMA funded).
        - a. Presented a brief video.
        - b. Looking at environmental and social risk factors.
        - c. Looking for participants for the study.
          - i. Participants must sign an informed consent document.
          - ii. Important for our community to participate.
          - iii. Encourages CB10 to help spread the word.
          - iv. Enrollment date at Touro College on April 16, 2013.
      - 2. Teaming up with CB10 for the free mammography event at Harlem Hospital.

2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call: Quorum established.

- 1. Motion to adopt agenda.
- 2. Presentation of voting items.
  - a. Savann: New liquor license.
    - i. Savann used to be located at 80<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue.
    - ii. Voting tally:
      - 1. (10) Yes.
      - 2. (0) No.
      - 3. (2) Abstentions.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Agency responses to CB10 budget priorities and requests.

- 1. Manny Rivera, Parliamentarian, CB10.
  - a. Gave testimony on the need for a LGBT facility in Central Harlem.
    - i. He made the point that currently, there is no place that supports the LGBT youth population.

**PRESENTATION:** Londel Davis, Jr., President of the MLK Democratic Club.

- 1. Talked about the upcoming Primary.
  - a. Using mechanical machines for the run-off.
- 2. Announced, MLK Democratic Club meetings take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

## **BUSINESS SECTION:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Roll Call

Voting Item: Savann

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Tiffany Jones.
  - a. Two-time breast cancer survivor.
  - b. Pink Chose Me Foundation.
    - i. Advocating breast cancer awareness and detection.
    - ii. Partnering with CB10, Harlem Hospital and the American Cancer Society for the free mammography event.
2. Stephanie McGraw.
  - a. WARM – We All Really Matter.
  - b. Harlem Hospital Event – March 13, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.
    - i. Healing for women dealing with domestic violence.
3. Ms. Liz Brock.
  - a. Discussed:
    - i. Hydrolic Fracking.
    - ii. Schools (District 3 & 5).
      1. \$260 million cut from the City budget.
    - iii. Board member benefits.
4. Natalie Clark.
  - a. Presentation on production company.
    - i. Take Wing & Soar Productions.
    - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> reading at the Faison Playhouse on March 19<sup>th</sup>.
5. Renee Harrison.
  - a. Update on dog run.
    - i. Meeting with Parks Dept.
      1. Waiting for resolution on the placement of the dog run.
6. Joe Rodgers, Jr.
  - a. Discussed children's book about Harlem, which was published in October 2012.
    - i. "Harlem's Little Bluebird" – about Florence Mills
      1. Author, Renee Watson.
7. Juanita Thomas.
  - a. Discussed:
    - i. Brooklyn Assemblyman Dov Hikind.

1. Assemblyman wore a dress and a black face.
  - a. Ms. Thomas demands an apology.
  
8. Lemar Bland.
  - a. Director of the National Action Network.
    - i. Convention on April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton New York.
  
9. Cicely Harris.
  - a. Announced the 100<sup>th</sup> year for Deltas event on March 15<sup>th</sup> at the HSOB, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.
  
10. Belina Anderson.
  - a. Discussed affordable housing issues.
    - i. Cathedral Gardens Condominium is engaged in litigation against the developer Artimus, for construction defects.
    - ii. Barnard College is always a majority on the Board.
      1. Feels Community Benefits should be looked at.
    - iii. Advocated for CB10 involvement, in light of their role to provide support/non-support for developers/developments.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.**