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General Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 2, 2016 – 6:00 PM

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Harlem State Office Building

163 West 125th Street, 2nd Floor Art Gallery

Honorable Chair Brian Benjamin, Presiding

MINUTES

Chair Brian Benjamin opened the meeting. Per CB10 bylaws Chair Benjamin granted the power to open the meeting and conduct business items to the vice chairs. Chair Benjamin turned the meeting over to John Lynch who conducted the business part of the meeting. 2nd Vice Chair John Lynch proceeded to the next item on the agenda.

I. Elected Officials

- Al Taylor representing AM D. Farrell
- Calvin Solomon representing the NY District Attorney's office: two press releases on illegal activity.
- Wilmer Cabral representing AM K. Wright: In office until Dec 31st. Reminder for the audience to vote for the presidential election. Last holiday party is scheduled for Dec. 13th.
- Adrienne Felton representing the Public Advocate's office: successful lawsuit against the DOE. Public hospitals are encouraged to update their mammogram technology.
- Athena Moore representing MBP G. Brewer: Appointment and recruitment process.
- Giovanni Puelos representing MBP G. Brewer:
- Nina Saxon representing NYC Comptroller S. Stringer: released a new retirement saving for New York City called a nest egg plan, another report that was issued is the investigation of child care centers in New York City shelters which put homeless children at risk. New York City agency report card on minority and women-owned businesses was issued.

II. Public Announcements

The following community members made public announcements:

- Marcy Guttman; Madison Square Boys and Girls Club
- Tara Rivers; Harlem Children's Zone
- Christina Fiorvanti; Northside Center
- Dr. K. Samuels
- Robert Gumbs; Elombe Brath Foundation
- Viola Plummer; Elombe Brath Foundation
- Kwame Brathwaite; Elombe Brath Foundation

- John Brathwaite; Elombe Brath Foundation
- Herbert Boyd; Elombe Brath Foundation
- Dr. Georgina Falu; Elombe Brath Foundation
- Janay Shabazz; Shugah Baybees Child Development Center
- Julius Tajiddin; Preserve Harlem Legacy
- Pastor Kelly Scott; Way to Life Ministries
- Martin Baez
- Jason Clark

III. Public Hearing: Community District Needs

The following community members made public announcements:

- Tanya Walker
- Lee Simmons
- John Martin Green
- Dr. K. Sammuels

IV. Public Session

1st. Roll Call conducted by Secretary Christina Curry

Minutes adoption general consensus to adopt the October 2016 Board Meeting Minutes at the December 2016 General board meeting

Agenda adoption general consensus to adopt the November 2016 board meeting agenda

Chairperson's Report delivered by Chairperson Brian Benjamin

District Manager's Report delivered by DM Andrew Lassalle

Presentation of Voting Items

Elombe Brathway resolution (Reading Elombe Brath Way Street Co-naming Resolution):

WHEREAS: Distinguished citizen, national civil rights and international human rights leader who contributed substantially to Pan-Africanism, Black Cultural Awareness and Black empowerment both at home and abroad in his life's; and

WHEREAS: Elombe Brath, of Harlem, New York, died on Monday, May 19, 2014 at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS: Elombe (nee Cecil) Brathwaite was born in Brooklyn, New York on September 30, 1936 to Cecil T. Brathwaite and Margaret Etelka Maloney-Brathwaite. Both parents immigrated to the United States from the Barbados, the Caribbean island geographically closest to the African continent. He was the oldest of three children; brother Kwame (nee Ronald) Brathwaite, middle sibling and Brother John Edward Brathwaite, youngest sibling. Brath was politically inspired early on in his life by hearing his mother speak of her first cousin, Clennel Wickham, editor of the renowned HERALD newspaper; and

WHEREAS: Brath's political commitment evolved in 1956 simultaneously with the struggle to eliminate "Negro" as the nomenclature of African American people; creating the "Black is Beautiful" campaign in 1961 following the creation of African-Jazz Arts Society and Studios (AJASS) with his brother Kwame and a cadre of other local activists and launched the Grandassa Models and "Naturally Shows"; and

WHEREAS: This esteemed man was a pioneer in the Pan-African movement; he worked closely with the Federation of Pan-African Nationalist Organizations setting the stage for African Liberation Day and the development of the African Liberation Support Committee (ALSC); his efforts played a critical role in educating and organizing thousands in the fight against imperialism, colonialism, and neo-colonialism on the African continent; and.

WHEREAS: Despite his total immersion on the international front as well as the countless battles against racism at home, Elombe was employed at WABC-TV where as a graphic artist (skills he acquired while in high school and at the School of Visual Arts) and vital consultant, particularly on African Affairs to Gil Noble, the esteemed host of "Like It Is." "Elombe was instrumental in facilitating the presence of many of the African leaders on the show," said Robert Van Lierop, an attorney and filmmaker formally affiliated with the show; and

WHEREAS: In 1975, following in the footsteps of black nationalism forefathers, Marcus Garvey and Carlos Cooks, Elombe Brath founder and chairman to the Patrice Lumumba Coalition (PLC), a Harlem based group which spread word of the ongoing struggle against oppression in Africa, coordinating hundreds of forums with the purpose of educating the masses and mobilized local support in the fight against apartheid and oppression of people all over the world; and

WHEREAS: Elombe Brath was also one of the principle organizers when Harlem welcomed Nelson Mandela in 1990, and was a strong advocate for the Central Park Five; and

WHEREAS: An international figure, charitable, tireless advocate for civil and human rights; imbued with a sense of justice this remarkable man's life continues to inspire others leaving behind a legacy of fighting for freedom long enduring the passage of time remaining in comforting memory to all he served and befriended;

WHEREAS: Elombe Brath is survived by his wife, Helena Nomsa Brath, and their seven children, he passed quite fittingly on the 89th birthday of Malcolm X;

WHEREAS: Mr. Brath impacted legendary jazz entertainers creating awareness and promoting jazz in the Bronx is supported by Senator Perkins and US Congressman Charles Rangel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that Manhattan Community Board 10 wishes to remember Elombe Brath by formally requesting that the New York City council and the Mayor of New York City enact legislation to support the co-naming at the southwest corner of Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Boulevard between 124th and 125th Streets to Elombe Brath Way.

3 ULURPs:

Leroy
The Robeson
The Frederick

V. Business Session

2nd Roll Call conducted by Secretary Christina Curry

Voting Items:

Resolution for Elombe Brathway/street co-naming
28 yes, 1 no, 0 abstentions. passed

Resolution for The Leroy
21 yes, 7 no, 1 abstention. passed.

Resolution for The Robeson
24 yes, 3 no, 1 abstention. passed.

Resolution for The Frederick
15 yes, 13 no. passed.

Hiring of new personnel
(**quorum was not met, only 21 board members present at this time**)

Announcements

community service awards community service awards

Meeting Adjourned