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Chairperson

November 4, 2020 General Board Meeting

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District Manager

Meeting held via Zoom because of the COVID-19

Called to order at 6:06

Elected Officials

Shanna Harmongoff – Senator Brian Benjamins Office

Shred day Saturday, Nov 7 with Al Taylor and Harlem Advocates for Seniors from 10am-2pm on 148 Street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd. Give Business Empire Awards to Businesses to business that have helped during Covid they have 20 to give away. Their office is still open to business.

Nina Saxon – Comptroller Scott Stringer

Last Monday with Adriano Brian Benjamin, Robert Rodriguez and Bill Perkins held a press conference in front of King Towers to urge NYCHA and Mayor DiBlasio's administration to have a comprehensive plan for the second wave of Covid-19. The Comptroller wants to ensure that they have access to food and working elevators among other things.

Myna White – Assemblyman Al Taylors Office

Thank you for attending Domestic Violence event. We touched on Elder abuse and Domestic Violence and thank you to our Domestic Violence advocates. Shred fest event on Saturday, Nov 7 at 148 and ACP Blvd.

Nina Norwood – Assemblywoman Dickens

Thanks to Athena Moore, Nina Saxon and Hazel Dukes for handing out masks in the voting line. Congratulations to Assemblywoman Dickens for her win and to Brian Benjamin. You can reach the office at 212-866-5809

Jacques Brumvil – District Attorney's Office

Last month we held a gun buy back at Bethel Gospel Assembly and 48 guns were recovered, the most successful recovery in the city thus far. Domestic Violence awareness month last month and there are resources on our website, there is a push to do presentations that describe the criminal justice process and elder abuse as well as the services that are available from our office. Community conversations with NYCHA to address the increase in crime throughout NYCHA throughout the pandemic along with NYPD.

Athena Moore – Manhattan Borough Presidents Office

Slow walk for the NAACP and hazel dukes distributing PPE and support for the GOTV.

Gale Brewer - Manhattan Borough President

MBP sits on the Governors COVID task force. Most of the zip codes where there are issues are in Brooklyn and Queens. 10031 in Harlem which is not in CB10 but is having issues with growth in COVID numbers. The borough will gladly continue to give out PPE and hand sanitizer but hopes that people will be more vigilant and careful. There were not a great deal of issues with the voting process but there is a Voter Assistance Advisory Committee meeting on December 9, from 5:30-8:30. Schools do not want to be polling sites for early voting there have been several complaints although the Board of Elections did not have alternatives to the schools. CB10 may want to weigh in on this issue and work with the CECs to find other sites to use in our community. Attended the gun buy back hosted by the District Attorney's office, there were 48 guns collected and one was a semi-automatic.

Esplanade Gardens is an issue in terms of maintenance fees and construction CB10 District Manager has been a part of those discussions and the MBPO will continue to be supportive.

Working on a turkey drive with Robert Rodriguez office who's office will assist in this effort. Reaching out to supermarkets and Fresh Direct for donations.

November 23 from 6-8, it's a Monday a virtual housing fair for tenants.

MBP is on the planning committee for the HDFC Coop Awards which MBP supports and the nominations are now open until November 19th.

On Thursday MBP will be with the Metropolitan Black Bar Association along with Legal Services talking about what does housing look like post election.

Police reinvention and reform event took place in Northern and Southern Manhattan to discuss the best way that police reform and reinvention can take place.

Working with the 125 Street BID on their Holiday Lights event.

December 1 is World Aids Day it is an important day particularly with COVID and the challenges of quality health care it is more important than ever.

Michelle Booker – Congressman Adriano Espaillat

Has hosted flu clinics along with Councilman Perkins and had a PPE distribution event. The Congressman has had an event with the Department of Sanitation around clean up your block. Also attended the Slow Walk to encourage people to come out and vote. Rev. D Jenkins at St. Mathews Baptist Church is having her 7th Pastoral anniversary on November 8.

Delsenia Glover - Deputy Public Advocate for Housing

Will continue with our series on homeless that started in Sept. On November 12 we are doing an event titled 'The Business of Homelessness'. And we continue to work with NYCHA.

Harlem East Harlem Presentation - HPD

To extend the Urban Renewal plan. No impact on the one site that is located in the CB10 area it does impact two locations in CB11. This is a voting item and we will be voting on the Resolution tonight.

Chair Report Cicely Harris

CB10 won the Manhattan Paper Challenge again. We first won in the first quarter and we donated to two organizations Harlem Grown and Mr. Willies Garden who takes care of the Harriett Tubman statue. We have won again for quarter 4 and we won the entire contest which gives us \$20K we have \$23K that we can give to two organizations.

Qualifications to receive the money are that the CBO must be a sustainable organization. Also opened it up to groups that have done great work during the COVID-19 pandemic. Some organizations that have been recommended are WARM, We All Really Matter which focuses on Domestic Violence they have organized several event during COVID and have given out items to the public. W.A.R.M. also gave a Spa day for individuals who are experiencing Domestic Violence. Deborah Gillard suggested an org that focuses on seniors and has done a lot during the pandemic. Harlem Advocates for Seniors run by Mrs. Carrington and William Haymer located at St. Phillips senior houses, work with LINKs, Inc., and Abyssinian Baptist Church. They have a chat and Chew for seniors at Bennett Park for seniors. During Covid they delivered grab and go meals and volunteered at food banks and arranged get well calls.

Karen Horry suggested a project that is funded by Harlem Grown that is a rooftop garden for young people in our community. Chair Harris noted that we gave to Harlem Grown the last time.

A motioned was put forth and seconded to support the two organizations WARM and Harlem Advocates for Seniors. It passed with no objections.

Chair Harris attended the Slow Walk with Assemblywoman Dickens, MPB Gale Brewer which was sponsored by the NAACP. Was also at the polls at PS 175 with NAACP.

Harlem Holiday Lights happening on November, encourage members to make videos 30 second to one minute long and send to our District Manager who will upload to the BID website . You can talk about your wishes for Harlem. This year there will be a small caravan and floats will have a maximum of 3 people. Position yourself along the route so you can broadcast live on Zoom about where you are and maybe a small business you are in front of. November 18. Lights on November 16.

District Manager Report – Shatic Mitchell

District Needs Statement submitted to the department of City Planning. Thanks to Chair Harris for creating the District Needs task force lead by Joshua Clennon who assisted in the collection of all our Capital and Expense needs. This is the first year and it was a success. We submitted 40 capital and 25 expense requests ranging from bus shelters, Improvements in NYCHA developments, employment opportunities, programs and initiatives to help our youth.

Thank you to Mid Manhattan Branch of NAACP and Dr. Dukes for spreading awareness around early voting. Drug activity on 124 street filled 311 complaints an constituent called for assistance, He was afraid of retaliation DM advised him to vigilant.

Committee Reports

Arts and Culture – George Harrell Chair

No report

Barbara Askins – Harlem Business Improvement District (BID)

The Holiday Lights has changed because of COVID and because we have presented the parade for 26 years we had to adapt. They have built a website for Holiday Lighting for watching listening and interactive activities. CB10 has their own page on which they can add content and showcase what they do. Bring in cheers to the community. A caravan with three floats from CB9, CB10 and the BID. Each float is limited to three people. It will be live streamed on an expanded route. You can check the BID website for the exact route. There is a passport initiative with local businesses that if you shop locally and get ten stamps there will be a give a way of prizes and cash. First prize is \$1000 happening in January.

Economic Development – Shanelle Washington Chair

Presentation by Charles Person who spoke about OSHA Certification and provided some opportunities that the community can avail themselves of for possible employment. Regina Smith from HBA presented information on the legalization of marijuana and information on some resources for COVID. The committee had 8 liquor licenses in our committee but we did not have quorum so they were brought to the Executive Board. In the EC 4 SLA applications will go back to Economic Development Committee and 4 will be voting on tonight that are renewals.

Education Youth and Libraries

Our District Needs Statement was submitted thanks to Stephanie Palmer and Joshua Clennon for the work that was done. We put quite a few links for services to the community at our last meeting. And thanks to Marquis Harrison for updates surrounding our schools.

Health and Human Services Hazel Dukes

Will be submitting the names for the CAB for the Greater Harlem Nursing Home

Transportation and Historic Preservation – Cicely Harris

Meeting on Tuesday there will be a presentation from Citi bikes to determine the final location for them.

Land Use – Karen Dixon Chair

HPD presented the Central Harlem Open Door Project that went into certification on October 5. Committee members asked for a breakdown for each of the AMI levels, the income requirements and the rental prices. Also the specifics of the home ownership part of the project. Chair Dixon has received that information from HPD and will be sending it out to the committee.

Housing Committee - Charles Powell Chair

Compliment District Manager Mitchell and Juanita Anderson with respect on his rapid response to Esplanade Gardens. At our meeting on the 26th shareholders from Esplanade Gardens presented that they received a notice of an upcoming increase in maintenance fees of 17% starting November 1. They asked the Board respond and I want to compliment District Manager Mitchell for his effort. Shatic along with Shanna Harmonogoff from Brian Benjamins Office and on Wednesday we had over 50 participants on a Zoom call to discuss this issue. There were representatives from our Congressmans Office as well as our Asslebywoman Dickens and Assemblyman Al Taylor, Athena Moore from MBPO, Delsenia Glover from Public Advocates Office, Bill Perkins and the HPD. The job of the board was to provide a space so the discussion could happen. Managing Agents and Attorneys for Esplanade were also in attendance.

We would like project based Section 8 vouchers that are attached to the unit instead of the individual.

Parks and Recreation – Karen Horry

Seneca Village is being considered for permanent commemoration and Central Park Conservancy came to discuss their plans for looking for a landscape commemoration amongst other ideas. The temporary exhibit has been extended for another year.

There is a new administrator for District 9 Historic Parks. She attended the meeting and gave updates on Jackie Robinson Park which is an historic park. We have a completion of the Bill Bojangles Robinson

Playground completed in October. Discussion with Prof Galvin Worthum around Tactical Urbanism the group of students have already begun work on the A Phillip Randolph Square and will be coming tomorrow at the meeting to discuss working on other location in our community.

Statement and Goals with respect to the Exonerated 5 was submitted to the Central Park Conservancy and NYC Parks. We should hear in a week about what our next steps should be.

Renaming of St. Nicholas Park North to the James Baldwin Lawn. This is part of an effort to rename parks in Harlem for Historic Leaders.

Public Safety - Charles Johnson

Previous month Domestic Violence presentation from the Manhattan DA office. Provided information on updates of resources for Domestic Violence. Lincoln Square legal services requested a letter but because of the short turn around time necessary the committee was unable to comply.

District Needs Statement discussed. Thanks to Shanelle Washington for her help.

Election Committee Update – Hazel Dukes Chair

Thanks to all who serve on this committee and special thanks to Stephanie Palmer our Parliamentarian for ensuring a fair process. Charles Johnson as an attorney made sure that everything was in order so a special thanks to him. No feedback from Board members around anything they did not understand about the process. All Executive Board incumbents in this election are running unopposed. Donna Gill will certify after all ballots have been submitted.

Presentation of Voting Items – All Voting taken by Common Consent

Economic Development, Technology & Communication

SLA Renewal Application: 118 Harlem Burger Co LLC., d/b/a Harlem Burger Co, 2190 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10030 (Northeast corner of 118th Street) – Full License

SLA Renewal Application: Harlem on the Row Corp., d/b/a Harlem on the Row, 2374 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., New York, NY 10026 (Between 139th and 138th Streets on the West Side) – Wine, Beer, & Cider

SLA Renewal Application: Rascal Craft LLC., d/b/a Hop House Harlem, 2224 Frederick Douglass Blvd., New York, NY 10026 (Between Frederick Douglass Blvd and St. Nicholas Ave on the West Side) – Wine, Beer, & Cider

SLA Renewal Application: Blue Lagoon Traders LLC., d/b/a Kingston, 218 W 116th St. New York, NY 10026 (Between Frederick Douglass Blvd and St. Nicholas Ave on the South Side) – Full License

Parks & Recreation

Exonerated Five Resolution Amendment

“The youth were tried as adults under New York laws of the day and convicted”

Change

“four were then tried as youth, while the eldest as an adult”

Land Use – Karen Dixon

ULURP- HEHURP Resolution Presentation

Board Election

Chair – Honorable Cicely Harris

First Vice Chair – Honorable Marquis Harrison

Second Vice Chair – Honorable Charles Powell

Treasurer – Honorable Joshua Clennon

Secretary – Honorable Deborah Yates

Assistant Secretary – Honorable Kevin Bitterman

33 people voted/ did not record Stanley Gleatons vote

All candidates received 32 votes

1 abstention

All were re-elected

Vote Results

All liquor license renewals and Exonerated Five items passed by common consent without opposition

The ULURP- HEHURP Resolution to Extend the Urban Renewal Plan – was a roll call vote and passed with one 31 yes one no vote and one recusal.