Manhattan Community Board 9 Arts and Culture Committee
Date: Monday, December 2, 2013
Time: 6:30pm
Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive, 7th floor

Committee Members
Joyce Adewumi (Chair) (present), Sabrina Francis (present), Harriet Rosebud (present), Signe Mortensen (excused), Paola Soto (absent), Barry Weinberg (excused)

Public Members
Guy Bisserette (present), Jo Johnson (excused)

Others in Attendance
Wilhelmina Grant, Sistaah Studio, Schawannah Wright, Associate Director of Community Outreach, @ Columbia University, Dr. Vicky, Gholson, (Community Board 9 Member)

Meeting called to attention 6:49 pm

Minutes approval: Minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum.

Agenda approval: No quorum so agenda not approved.

Introductions: Dr. Vicky Gholson, CB9 Board Member, spoke of the history of the Harlem and community changes and community involvement. Mentioned Harlem Youth Unlimited and the Kenneth Clark - Blueprint that has helped to shape many programs in Harlem.

Dr. Schawannah Wright, spoke of being a liaison between students attending Columbia University and Harlem community members. She desires to help students become involved in community events and organizations since
while attending Columbia they are part of the community.

Wilhelmina Grant, Visual Artist - SISTAAH Studio - offers FREE Art Workshops for Groups and Individuals at SIATAAH Studio 401 W. 149th Street (Between St Nicholas and Convent Avenue)

V Reports
1. Artist Directory Sub-committee, Berry Weinberg, Chair - No Report
2. Artist/Organizations Outreach Sub-committee, Paola Soto, Chair - No Report.
3. Archives Sub-committee, Jo Johnson, Chair - No Report
4. Events Sub-committee, Signe Mortensen, Chair - No Report
5. Marketing Sub-committee, Harriet Rosebud, Chair - No Report
6. Resolutions Sub-committee, Sabrina Francis, Chair - No Report

VI Discussion
1. Recently concluded November 21st, 2013 tree lighting and holiday event.
   - Received a congratulatory and thank you letter from Barbara Atkins for the wonderful job done at the event by the CB9 Arts and Culture Committee

2. Thanks to those who attended The New York African Ensemble Chorus concert on Nov. 30th, 2013 from Chair, Joyce Adewumi

VII Announcements
Harriet Rosebud is having “The Great American Hat Show, Saturday, February 8th, 2014 in the “Dorothy Manor Theater’ at St. James Presbyterian Church. All are invited!! Time 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 7pm. Is willing to collaborate with other artist and asked for help from the members of CB9 Arts and Culture and it has been approved.

2. Wilhelmina Grant - Assistant Vice President of conference in February - NCA (National Caucus of Artist) - 4 day conference Feb 18th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 2014. In process of finalizing the program for the conference.

VIII Old Business
1. West Harlem Development Corporation’s holiday event at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on December 7th, 2013.
2. Senior's Christmas Dinner - December 14th, 2013
   - Honoring Seniors in the community between ages 80 yrs to 100yrs.
   - Suggested by Dr. Gholson to go to Senior Center at the Kennedy Center on 135th St to find the seniors in Inez Dickens and Robert Jackson's areas so to invite to Senior Christmas Party on Dec. 14th to honor their service to those in their communities here in Harlem.

   - Also will consult with the Senior's Committee of CB9 to get word out about event and seniors to honor.

   Discussed having activities for the parents and the children. There will be a Christmas Boutique for the parents while there will be an Art Village and Music Village for the children as well as Santa, Christmas Queen. There will also be music, entertainment and food for everyone.

IX New Business

1. Anniversary year at Riverbank Park
   - Events associated with thru 2014 Super Bowl (Colts & Jets will be at park in January)

   - Part of the event will be an "Ecological Collection". A collection of cell phones and old electronics. Contact at Riverbank is named Scott and mentioned by Dr. Gholson

2. Suggestion of an Arts and Culture Christmas Party by Dr. Gholson.
3. Welcomed Guy Bisserette back from his time on "America's Got Talent."

Meeting Adjourned: at 8:12pm Motion Sabrina Francis, Second Harriet Rosebud.

Honorably submitted by Sabrina A. Francis