

Community board 9 – arts & culture meeting – Monday, February 5, 2024

Meeting called to order @ 6:36

-Adopt agenda – passed

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-Introductions

-Announcements:

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-Community Reports:

Artist Information: Walter Alexander & Tina Lumley

-Email announcements for 'Arts & Culture' distribution list: tlumley@hotmail.com
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-Visual artist exhibition project

-Strategic Planning Committee/Community Benefits Agreement [cba] update

No major progress obtaining a suitable artistic/performing arts space from Columbia University, discussions continue; Mr. Edwards, Mr. Weinberg, Mr. Palma continue talks

-West Harlem Arts Alliance, Michael Palma

Grant writing application workshops in-person will start soon; website close to finish, collaboration with Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance continues, still seeking space from Columbia University for Art showcases of Harlem artists and performing artists also

-Harlem Arts Alliance, attended by Chair Daria Hardeman

Big event at Riverbank Park, well attended, multigenerational crowd, networking opportunities

-Community updates:

Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance – Martin Collins, nomanyc.org—submissions for poster contest, arts stroll – May 31st

Harlem Opera Theater – Carol Brown, Board Secretary

Presentation for show at the Schomburg Center -- Tribute to Harry Belafonte, salute to Black history month, February 23 @ 7:00pm

Harlem Chamber Players – Liz Player

Jazz Power Initiative – Janny Gonzalez Velasquez, Senior Director
Collaboration with Harlem School for the Arts; April 22-- “we got the swing”; highlighted the importance of these events/meetings for networking

Art Crawl Harlem

Themed residencies in-house, events on fri-sat-sun, series of multi-media works: May-October

Presentations:

-Denny Farrell/Riverbank State Park Director: Jared Leake

800 seat theater open for booking & low cost for the community, community events, all ages, all types of activities, indoors/outdoors, pool, dance, music, art exhibits, arts & crafts, senior events; Mallory Craig: showed the gardening facilities at the park, plant plots, horticultural events, activities, green house, supplies provided, seeds events, will come back for March meeting

-Harlem Stage – Jordan Carter – 40th anniversary season, February 16, “silver through the grass like nothing” at sugar hill salon: 150 Convent Avenue—Education/Collaboration Department provides dance, music, group workshops, performance arts space

-Sisters in Sharqui, Brandy Heyward -classes on Thursday nights @6:30-8:00, Belly dancing, provide costume assistance, organization, educating the art of this dancing form; much gratitude to West Harlem Development Corporation for continued support:
sistersinsharqui.com

-Harlem One Stop, Yuien Chin, collaborations and cooperative works/programming, Culture Portal: tourism, travel market annual event on March 9 @ CCNY, West Harlem Jazz Festival 2024 in progress, funded in part by West Harlem Development Corporation, virtual meeting on Friday @10, harlemonestop.org

-Jazzmobile, Robin Bell-Stevens -- 60th anniversary in July, funded by Dr. Billy Taylor, supported by the West Harlem Development Corporation, programs are free to the public, offices will be at the National Urban League of Empowerment Center, Saturday Jazz Workshop continues since 1967, collaborations with Harlem Stage, Aaron Davis Hall, Inter Church Center @ CCNY, going strong from 1964-2024

-Old business

-New business

Collaboration with Cannabis dispensaries...

Meeting adjourned @ 8:35