

ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES FOR Sept 11, 2023

Committee Members:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Recorded Minutes
Co-Chair Hon. Daria Hardeman	x			
Co-Chair Hon. Tina Lumley	x			x
Hon. Walter T. Alexander	x			
Hon. Juan Colmenares	x			
Hon. Sharon De La Cruz		x		
Hon. Carlton Davis	x			
Hon. Tiago Kiel	x			
Hon Ilana Mercado	x			
Hon. Carolina Ramirez		x		

I-Call to Order @6:432pm

II-Adopted Agenda

III-Minutes not available

IV- Meeting Attendee Introductions

V- Announcements

- What we do and who we are:
 - We are a quasi-city agency
 - Manhattan Community Board 9: We are comprised of 50 residents, interviewed and appointed by the borough President and the city council.
 - We advocate for artists. We advocate for art and artist in our community and also connect artists and art organizations.
- Contact Information:
 - Tina Lumley - tlumley@hotmail.com
 - Daria Hardeman - dariadaria@yahoo.com
 - cb9arts@yahoo.com
- New Arts and Culture Committee Member:
 - Tiago attends collegiate high school --- Welcome to the board
Tiago_k@icloud.com
- Guest
 - Jaana Rehnstrom,
 - jaana@kota-alliance.org Founder and President of the Kota Alliance at 43 St Nicholas Place. This is nonprofit for gender equality and women's empowerment.
 - Welcome to our upcoming October arts exhibit The Face of Justice. All events at <https://www.kota-alliance.org/upcoming-event>
 - Shauny@newheritagetheatre.org

- Martin Collins
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 - From September 15th to October 15th New York observes Hispanic Heritage Month and the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance will open an exhibition titled "Hispanic Heritage in the Heights" with artists from West Harlem, Washington Heights and Inwood. The opening and artists talk is Wednesday, September 27th from 6-8pm at NoMAAs Gallery, 4140 Broadway and West 176th Street. We invite everyone to attend. The exhibit is on view through January 9th with gallery hours on Saturday and Tuesday from 1-5pm and by appointment.
 - On Friday, September 15th from 5:30-7:30pm we will host a reading by NoMAA grantee Paola Soto about sisterhood, grief and family secrets onsite at 4140 Broadway.
 - Artists and arts organizations may rent studio space at NoMAA and submit their events to our online calendar anytime. Please see our website to do so and for more information on all the items in tonight's report www.nomaanyc.org.

VI- Presentations

A - Michael Palma-West Harlem Arts Alliance (WHAA)-

- WHAA promotes arts and arts organizations in Harlem and leverage the cultural assets of the community to bring more attention to our creative sector and creative economy. WHAA intends to have an arts organization and artist directory as well.
- WHAA is looking for a home and requested support a submit a resolution for Columbia University who is our partner in the community to provide access to 5,000 square feet of dedicated space within the development area (Manhatanville). Further access to other spaces should be available as well as per the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) . The space can be used by organizations, the arts community and also residents intersecting there.

WHAA can be the liaison between the community and Columbia for other spaces at Columbia as well.

- WHAA has contacted Columbia and Columbia promises to continue to search for space, however, in 6 months, nothing has happened
- Columbia now has a new president and WHAA believes this resolution is the reaffirmation of our partnership with Columbia
- WHAA wants a resolution in lieu of a letter of support for the requested space because, per WHAA, community resolution speaks from 180,000 community residents, and not just the 50 board members
- Hon. Daria Hardeman requested an amendment that the requested 5000 square feet not be used just for one organization.
- Hon. Victor Edwards noted that it has been difficult obtaining space from Columbia and we pay for MCB(office space.
- CBA promised 5000 square feet space and WHAA wants Columbia to deliver on that promise

B - Karl Reynoso -Founder and CEO of Gold Aces LLC. Karl@gold-aces.com, 917-993-4838

- Karl is a community member and provides an annual block party and wants to expand into art projects for the community. His idea is a music and art festival for the community where we can utilize the great outdoor space and talent. This can be an opportunity to show different cultures as well.,
- Karl will contact the WHAA, who were on the call ,to coordinate this activity

C - Ryan Pinchot - Senior Educator, Hispanic Society Museum and Library - Pinchot@hispanicsociety.org 216 470 4636

- At the Hispanic Society Museum and Library, you can see an outdoor exhibit through October 31st by Marta Chilindron the 2023 winner of the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance and Hispanic Society Museum and Library's open call for artists.

Mexican Independence Event: Jose Clemente Orozco.

<https://www.manoamano.nyc/event->

Outdoor Film Series:

<https://www.inwoodartworks.nyc/film-works/film-works-alfresco/>

- It was suggested that Ryan provide this and future information to the Arts and Culture Dissemination of Art and Culture liaisons, Tina Lumley and Walter T. Alexander. Contact information was provided.

V11- Old Business

- Discuss goals for the next year:

- Let's not forget the culture part of Arts and Culture in West Harlem.
 - Bring attention to the diverse cultures in our community
- Bring attention to the various foods available and attire
- Uptown Market
- Present artwork in the MCB 9 office
- Request local restaurants to display artworks and guarantee that we will advertise that they are featuring local artists works which will increase patronage of the restaurant.
- Michael Palma indicated there is a Tree Lighting Event at Montefiore Park. Arts and Culture will have liaisons for this event.
- **How to best use our discretionary funds**
 - We had \$200 dollars last year. We will brainstorm how to use the funds

VIII-New business

- Minutes \ Minutes are both important and required to highlight what transpired during the monthly Arts and Culture committee meetings. The following is the Sept - June calendar:

MCB 9 Arts and Culture Committee Minutes Assignments

Daria Hardeman: Co-Chair	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June
Tina Lumley: Co-Chair	X									
Walter Alexander			X							
Juan Colmenares						X		X		
Carlton Davis		X								
Tiago Kiel							X			X
Sharon De La Cruz				X						
Ilana Mercado					X					
Carolina Ramirez									X	

- **Liaison Assignments:**
 - **RKO/Hamilton Theater Project....** Contact: Dan Cohen, newyorkcitydan@yahoo.com - Liaisons liana Mercado and Walter T. Alexander
 - **West Harlem Arts Alliance (WHAA)** Michael Palma and Michel Unkuntak, - mkunthank@gmail.com --- Provide resources to artist in the MCB9 catchment area --- Liaisons Tina Lumley, Daria Hardeman and Carolina Ramirez
 - **Dissemination of Arts and Culture Information (DAC)** --- obtain and disseminate opportunities for funding or opportunities

- for culture organizations and artist. --- Liaisons Walter T. Alexander and Tina Lumley
- **Montefiore Tree Lighting** - Michael Palma - mpalma@whaanyc.org - Liaisons Liana Mercado and Tiago Kiel

 - Hon Daria Hardeman mentioned that it is Harlem Arts Advocacy month from October 1st to October 23rd. The Harlem Arts Alliance is making Arts a priority and they're asking for key organizations to add their events to be featured in their calendar to bring attention to their event,

IX - Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm. Next meeting will be October 2nd