

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2024**

A quorum being in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Chair V. Edwards at 6:42; To adopt the agenda– TKivaleff/CThompson – Unam; To adopt the minutes: W Alexander/JAdewumi—Unam

Chair’s written report to be supplied to Gen Bd.

Chair V. Edwards noted that he had met with the new Columbia University President Shafik and found her very welcoming and interested in community engagement.

He stressed that CB9 had a long standing understanding that only the Board will speak to the Press. He further stated that in situations that were committee specific he would ask the related committee Co-Chairs to address the matter to outside entity with him.

The Columbia Spectator quoted the Chair in an article that DSNY had not contacted CB9 regarding the expansion of the trash containerization program into the entire CB9 community. VE noted that it would be difficult for seniors and physically challenged residents to deposit garbage in these containers and the area would lose a substantial number of parking spaces.

JAdewumi drew attention to the cutbacks in available parking spaces.

A community feedback session would be a good idea for anticipated change.

Treasurer Report

In packet

D McKintosh Brown informed the members that now is the time for committees to submit request for discretionary funding.

DM Report

In packet

EPrince informed members that SYEP Applications are open til 3/1

Starting 3/1 tickets issued to commercial establishments if garbage is not placed approved receptacles.

Committee Reports

Eco Dev

Cory Ortega is now working with the Woman’s Chamber of Commerce promises to work with the CB9 Econ committee

Arts and Culture

The committee will have exhibitions in RiverBank State Park

They will be working with Harlem One Stop and Jazzmobile

Also want to find places to showcase the works of CB9 artists

Uniformed Services/Transportation

Noted the erosion in number of parking spaces

Parks and Landmarks

Celebration of Riverbank anniversary 2/24/24

New Yorkers for Parks badly needs funding

Press conference at City College Mar 4

We need access to fresh fruits/vegs

Housing

We need help for rent stabilized housing where tenants cannot pay rent. There may well be in danger of losing their homes. AMI needs to be adjusted to better represent specific neighborhoods

Need transitional housing

Health and Environment

CB9 Health Forum to be held on March 16 at Columbia's Forum.

Need for women (minimum 20) to preregister for free mammogram testing; if too few sign up, the mammogram bus will not be made available.

CCNY and CU working together for youth mental health – they will hold a meeting on 3d floor of the event

Cannabis Taskforce working on establishing guidelines for the applicants of area dispensaries

Seniors see report

Board Attendance

GMT had missed a number of meetings, some not excused. Her explanations involving her own health and that of a relative for whom she's a Caregiver. She convinced the Exec Committee to vote for her to remain on the Board.

Patricia Ramos / Jane Arrendell-Johnson / Hugo Torres- Festco resigned prior tonight Exec Bd meeting

Several members had not responded to requests to appear this evening regarding their attendance at various Bd. Meetings. It was agreed that they would be sent a registered letter requesting their attendance at the March Exec Mtg

Action Items

Infant Mortality Resolution

No opposition to adding this resolution to Gen Bd agenda

Housing Health Environment & Stress Resolution

This resolution was presented by the Health /Environment committee. The Housing Committee had not acted upon it and as there was no time constraint, despite general support for it, it was agreed to table action pending action by the Housing Committee in March. The Chair noted that where issues may overlap committees they must draft the Reso *together*.

Parking Reso

Health had brought a reso dealing with parking from a Health perspective. SProphete of UST had composed an amendment to the reso [which had been ratified in the January General Board meeting]. As he was unable to attend this meeting, the amendment was tabled until the March Exec Mtg.

Liquor Licenses [new]

TM/WA: unam consent to add them to the Gen Bd Mtg.

As there was a change of corporate status the reso will be amended by GMT for the Gen Bd Mtg.

Old Business

None

New Business

DM E.Prince: Reminded everyone of the Budget Hearing on 2/12 and that all requests needed to be reviewed them

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35

Respectfully submitted:

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Assistant Secretary