Community Board 9M
16-18- Old Broadway
New York City, NY 10027

October 12, 2017  Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: October 12, 2017
Time: 6:30 PM
Place: Broadway Houses 583 RSD

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:42 by Chair PJ

VE/AT: To adopt the agenda [adding Romantic Depot to presentations]– UNAM

VE/CT: To adopt the minutes with any necessary emendations – UNAM

There followed a discussion initiated by GMT about the Romantic Depot located at 137 and Bway. CCNY offered support to CB9 against the establishment. PJ: “we will continue to monitor it.”

Presentations:

Romantic Depot rep by E Allison, N Francis, E Dubno [lawyer]

They deal in novelties and lingerie

They want to work with the community

No one under 18 can enter; there are no magazines or private rooms.

GMT worried about the psychological impact.

DM Prince will keep the lines of communication open.

WHDC: K Boatang

Distributed materials and gave a summer update.

Reported on SYEP

Reported on difficulties obtaining a location to develop and affordable housing project. Having to deal with for-profit developers leads to greed.

PJ wants formal relationship between Housing committee and WHDC.
Announced 11/18 meeting at IHouse on record and goals lasts from 9-5

VE stressed the need of the grantees to meet with the relevant committees

Kofi B stressed that when orgs are invited and does not show, the WHDC should be notified.

**Reports:**

**Chair: PJ:**

Submitted written report

Announced that the BP wants to help hurricane victims; place and date TBA

Wants input on use of discretionary funding

Thrive NYC is helping with mental health issues in CB9M area

HDFC matter to be presented at Boro Bd

**Treasurer: AF:**

On 10/23, there will be Budget Hearing on needs

We need input on discretionary funding

**DM: E Prince:**

Provided report

Emphasized attendance at Budget hearing; all committee chairs should attend or have a designee who is versed in the issues.

**DATE CHANGES:** Gen BD on 11/15; winter lighting 11/16 and Eco Dev on 11/14 at District office

**Committee Reports**

**AT Housing**

NYCHA Forum on 10/14 hopes it will get people to talk to each other

There are 84 HDFCs city wide and 8 in the CB9M area that are in danger of foreclosure; we want to get other CBs to back our reso

We want to get support of City for 510 W 145 for a day care center and have a clause in the deed that it can only be used for day care.
JT: Landmarks

Reso 2: important to lower curb on 110-111 Amsterdam to make the establishments accessible

Reso 3: Heights Heritage safeguards to ensure that no name change from West Harlem.

Reso 4: will not be taken off the table for the Gen Bd and Reso 5 will not be brought up at the meeting either. Both should attend the Housing Committee mtg.

GMT/CT: reso that they must attend the mtg for there to be further action – UNAM

VE: Strategic Planning

Will meet every other month, Next mtg will be 11/21 We do want to keep track of the WHDC grantee attendance

We need each committee to update its goals

We need newsletter contributions

BW: LGBT Task force

We are working on identifying historic places in the City for the movement.

Identified Earl Hall at Columbia as in the forefront with its gay dances in the 1960s

JA: Arts and Culture

Drew attention to the fact that due to Election Day, the meeting date was changed to 11/6

AT: Housing

Discussed the CRT on commercial spaces below 96th Street. Presently it is on rents above $250,000.00 annual, is being lifted to $500,000.00. “We must watch this and make certain that it does not get moved into our district.”

Old and New Business: none

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:44

Respectfully Submitted

Theodore Kovaleff

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