COMMUNITY BOARD 9M
16-18 Old Broadway
New York City, NY 10027

April 2009 General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2009
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Fortune Society

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Jones at 6:50 PM

The roll was taken and 36 were present.

Councilperson R Jackson gave update on issues
Provided written report and distrib press release
Stressed that given the environment class size will grow

State Senator E Schneiderman:
Is Chair pf Codes Comm
Working on the repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws
Wants all to be able to apply for Stimulus monies

Many: To adopt the agenda UNAM

Diane Wilson [DW]/Many: To adopt the minutes with any subsequent emendations – UNAM

Presentations

Linda Saffron: Broadway Malls Assoc
Spoke of plan to exhibit work by Carol Eisner on the Malls
All materials are found and recycled
In CB 9 area they are planned to be at 114, 137 and 145 Streets in mid mall except for 137th
Will be put up in F 09 for three months with removal before winter lighting turned on.
Will present at Parks Comm

Alexandro Ajedo, Signe Nelson: Plans for redev of Waterfront and 125th River to Bway
It is a Streetscape and intermodal project
Wants as many trees as possible
Wants to link streetscape with Piers Park
Have received approval to illuminate the Riverside viaduct and are working on lighting the IRT Viaduct
Josh Herron Committee of School Governance
Concerned over “who should control our schools.”
“Mayoral control was an experiment that did not work, therefore end it.”
Referred to Youth and Education Comm

Reports
As the meeting was running behind schedule repartees kept remarks to a minimum

Chair’s Report: P Jones
Written report in packet
Included new membership listing
Provided procedures for election of officers
4/25 from 9-1 at Bway House there will be an orientation boot camp for new members, all should attend

Treasurers Report: A Fletcher
Report in the packet
It appears as if there will be a small surplus, we should use this to provide for the coming cutbacks

DM Report: E Prince
Provided written report

TK/Many: To accept reports – UNAM

For the BP: Antionne Pierre
Highlighted the fliers distrib to the community

Corey ? For Assemblyperson K Wright
Will try again to get free tspt for seniors during off hours
Pub Assistance Prog has been raised
SYEP has not been cut
4/30 at 8:30 at Manhattanville Community Center a Program on the Stimulus and Housing.

Quiani Breaton for Councilperson I Dickins
Wants uniform procedures for charter schools
Also a full day program for Pre-K

Tom Linn for Pub Advocate B Gottbaum
Introduce d self and left flier
The body then nominated members of the Election Committee Note that those names with strikeouts declined nomination
W Simkins
E Weleh
P Lewis
A Fleteher
T Buckelew
T Jackson
C Cooper
N Monegro
P Jones charged the group to elect a chairperson, collect petitions, and report back for next month’s meeting

Public Session:

Bernadette Jentsch: MTY Services Inc
297 Bway – 4th Floor
With the BP will be conducting an employment clinic at 163 W 125 – 5th Fl
Will have programs on every Friday till end of June
One should schedule appointment

A cousa Albritton: IPBO’s Wellness diabetes clinics
To close the gap between Hispanic/Blacks with Whites
Will provide free workshops
718 783 5744

Rosemary Murray: NYPL Budget cuts
Will result in reduction in hours from 52 to 32 per week
This in the face of an increase in usage of 14% [particularly from job seekers using the computer facilities] and those seeking help in job hunting

Josh Ankerberg: West Harlem CSA
Offers an opty to purchase organic products from Windflower Farm
If one works with the group prices are cut and they take food stamps

Ann Arlen: Impact of Hydraulic fracturing for Nat Gas Upstate
Wants a ban on this type of drilling as it may endanger the watershed
Referred to the Health Committee

Tom DeMott
Spoke on three items
The only legible topic was that Columbia Univ should not get stimulus monies for its W Harlem Expansion Project –

The roll was called and there 38 members present
Resolutions [For text of resos see appended sheets]

Supt of the W 125th Streetscape Design
35-1-1

Supt of Heritage Heights Revitalization Initiative
34-1-3

Opposition to Use of DEP property beneath H Hudson Pkwy for parking
39-0-0

Consistent standards for H Hudson signage
39-0-0

Prohibition of Hydraulic Fracturing
37-0-0-1

Old Business
None

New Business

W South announced that he would be submitting a reso to request the CB9 delegates to the LDC vote no in ratifying a Benefits agreement if it contains eminent domain

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15.

Respectfully submitted

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