

General Board Meeting

April 21, 2016

Community Board 9 Manhattan

16-18 Old Broadway

New York, New York 10027

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:50PM. With 32 members present.

II. The agenda was adopted.

III. The minutes were adopted.

IV: **Presentation on: The Columbia Employment Information Center:** Elizabeth Jones, who has been the Director for three years, read the mission of the center, talked about the the hiring process (online applications), stated there are 10 computers available, one to one attention is given to each person, all services are free, there are monthly workshops for job readiness, online courses, job expos and outreach and also information sessions. Concerns were expressed by Board members that the Center isn't helpful and all parties agreed to work together to advertise events and increase outreach and participations from community residents.

V. **Introductions of New Members of the Board.**

VI. Reports

1. Chair: talked about the 1st Chair attending the BP's meeting; Ernestine Welsh, Brad Taylor, Tisha Jackson and Gladys Tinsley are no longer board members- thanked them for their service.

1st Chair: at the BP's meeting was discussed: community board will address issues that affect all; Rivertown Housing sold and properties given way by the city; legal representation dn adjustment of income; DEP and formaldehyde levels- get back with report; CB1- air quality, no monitors

2. Treasurer: included in the package

3. District Manager: included in the package

4. Committee reports:

- a. Arts and Culture: none.
- b. Senior issues: included in the packet.
- c. Landmarks Preservation & Parks: included in the packet.
- d. Housing Land Use & Zoning: included in the packet.
- e. Transportation & Uniformed Services: included in the packet
- f. Economic Development: included in the packet.
- g. Youth & Education: none
- h. Health and Environment: included in the packet.
- i. Strategic Planning: included in the packet.

VII: **CB9M Elections-Selection of Elections Committee:** Elections will take place in June 2016 to elect 2nd chair and Treasurer; election committee to be formed (A.Tyle, W. South, J.Archer, M.Dula and T.Glover).

VIII: **Public Session:**

1. **Elected officials:**

- Gail Brewer: welcomed new members; Education Town Hall and Tenants to know rights.
- Herman D. Farrell: none
- Danny O'Donnell: none
- Leticia James: City housing- tenants won't lose apartments when primary lease holder dies; gun control- owners to be registered.
- Alicia Barksdale: visited voting sites, issues in Harlem, Board of Elections job (\$300); family and criminal court tours
- Comptroller Scott Stringer: Nina Saxon: voting laws to change in NYS, press conference on Tuesday; issues with voting sites-people weren't on rolls.
- Mark Levine: portable defibrillators at parks for emergencies; costumes at 42nd st to created zones; bill for housing rights tenants; Health Fair on May 22, 2016 at Riverbank State Park.
- DA's office: Clean state event- April 30, 2016 from 9-3PM, low level violations warrants; April 27, 2016- Denim Day.

IX: **Action Item:** view excel voting sheet.

- 1. Ratification of BB Resolution re: The International PAssive House Standard for NYC
- 2. Ltr of Support re: Preservation Grant for Survey of W. Harlem
- 3. Ltr. of Support re: Reconstruction of Bus stops and perimeter sidewalks on Riverside Dr.
- 4. Ltr of Support re: Macombs Dam Bridge.
- 5. Ltr of Support re: the temporary removal of one lane of traffic on W. 133rd st.

X: **Old Business:** none.

X: **New Business:** none

XII: **Adjourn:** on 8:54PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Feruze Zeko, MA, LMHC

Secretary

Public Session

L Bailey: Marine Transfer Station

The 135th Street MTS has been officially decommissioned; WHEACT is awaiting official documentation. WHEACT will begin community engagement by late August 2016.

S Francis: GHHS Youth Summit April 28, 2016

GHHS is holding an event 4/28 from 2-5 outreaching the community to attract young women aged 13-24 to gain information and to learn about the Peer Education Program. Subjects will include parental growth, reproduction, College application process, employment and fathering.

Gave flier

M Goodman: Voting locations

Wants to know why voting District 70's site has been moved five times in 12 years

A Pan & E Xn: Falun Dufa Exercise program

To introduce the free Falun Dufa Exercise program. It is available to the community to learn about the background and benefits of the exercise. The program has already started at schools and some public libraries. Many who have attended the classes have found them quite beneficial. "We would like to have CB9 supt for the program to be in the NYPL in the district.

A Kondratowicz: Trash project/St Nicholas Park cleanup

"A quick intro on myself and my project and an invitation to participate in a cleanup and future community events " On earth Day will cleanup St Nicholas Park from 9-1`.

M Beneken: RSD Bus stop improvements

Overview of project to make safety improvements to existing bus stops at various locations from 110 - 128th streets on RSD. Asked for ltr of supt [voted on later in the mtg.]

B McCullough: Civilian Complaint Review Board

To introduce the agency

Treats police community relations and investigate charges of misconduct.

Distributed materials

H Duffus: Bike share siting

Opposes the siting of a bike share location right near his bike shop on Manhattan AV

J Castro: NOMAA 2016

Arts programs 6/1 for all artists nor 5th of 135th Street Also a banner contest For more info contact iecastro@NOMAA.nyc.org.

H Allen: Reopening of Central Harlem Center

NYS Dept of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse re requested that I notify CB9 about the goals of addressing the treatment crisis in Harlem over doses are up 50% over the past year. Promises to hire from the neighborhood.

R McCullough: Harlem 10K footrace

Are heading up an effort to bring back the Harlem 10K foot race; wants to involve youth and seniors. Wants ltr of supt. Race to be in 2017. For more info bmccullough@Harlem10k.org

S Mortensen: WHEC Fairs

West Harlem Empowerment Coalition fairs will be on the third Friday of each month in 30 Pct areas TBA
Distrib fliers

J Insull: CB9 YEL Ed Town Hall

Gave a summary of the Education Town Hall that took place on 4-16 at Harlem School of the Arts.
Advocated for education