

**COMMUNITY BOARD 9M
16-18 OLD BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10027
APRIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Date: April 18, 2019

Time: 6:30

Place: Fortune Society

The meeting was called to order by Chair PJ

AF/VE: To adopt the agenda – UNAM

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

Dan Iwrey: Conflict of Interest Board

A CB member has a vote and when doing it must be careful to Disclose, Discuss, and Don't Vote

Don't chair a committee if you will have to recuse yourself

REPORTS

Chair PJ

In Packet

Stressed the census and the job opportunities

Treasurer: AF

In Packet

The audit should be completed by Exec Committee

Requests for discretionary funds must be in by 4/26

DM: E Prince

In Packet

Census Employment mtg on 4/29 at 3333 Bway – distrib flier

Pay rate: \$20.00-\$27.50 per hour

Noted St Nich Park cleanup—distrib flier

WHDC : PAJ

In Packet

Senior employment call 646.518.4760 for M. Rodriguez

For In Kind space call 646.4767.3394

SYEP deadline is 5/10

BP rep by A Adams: 212.669.7877

Small Business Task Force worried about all the vacant stores

There is still money for small grants

C census opportunities and the need to be counted

For Earth day 4/22 giving away reusable grocery bags

Election committee

S Mortensen
T Lumley
V Jones
W South
W Alexander
M Aristy-Farer
M Caines

Public Session

Stephanie Berry, Blackberry Productions Theater Company

Member of Blackberry Productions Theater Company, which has been serving Harlem community for over 30 years. They take pressing issues from community meetings, schools, streets, and create theater out of issues and conflicts. The company was awarded a handful of grants to create a piece called "My Harlem 'Tis of Thee," which explores the impact of gentrification on Harlem. The piece hopes to capture the "diverse rhythms and sounds" that makes up Harlem today, with jazz as the piece's musical through-line. Contact with stories to tell: HarlemBlackberryProductions@gmail.com

Raymond Lewis, Community Relations Representative, Harlem Eat Up

Harlem Eat Up festival has extended into East Harlem, and brought in partnerships with Harlem School of the Arts and Boys & Girls Club of Harlem. They secured an in-kind donation of supplies to help Morningside Park with re-seeding and sodding after the event in response to concerns about the condition of the park around the event. They are incorporating dance and sports, including soccer, basketball, and baseball. They are also looking to provide a youth tech village this year or next, and to introduce youth to culinary careers. The event has helped Harlem restaurants thrive and expand, including Boulevard Bistro. These initiatives have been largely in response to encouragement from the Community Board.

Amy Cohen, Families for Safe Streets

Speaking especially on behalf of parents. Son killed 5 ½ years ago by reckless driver. Urging community board members to protect ourselves and our children. Traffic violence is an equal opportunity killer: white, Black, Latino, rich, poor.

Mary Beth Kelly, Families for Safe Streets

Partner, a physician at St. Luke's, was killed by a truck driver who failed to yield. We are either a compassionate community or we don't care. When it happens to you, you care. Loss of life is wrenching to entire community. Why should Lower Amsterdam only get life-saving treatment, not Upper Amsterdam? Analogous to providing a measles vaccine to only one neighborhood and not another next door. Bring remedy for safe streets to whole city. Amsterdam Avenue has had 500 serious injuries, including brain damage, paralysis, multiple surgeries, since 2012.

Sofia Russo, Families for Safe Streets

Educator in NYC public school who lost her child, then 4 years old, six years ago on Amsterdam Avenue when a reckless driver drove onto the sidewalk. Deaths can be prevented by designing streets that prioritize people, not cars. Urge the Community Board to embrace idea that they have a responsibility to keep the community safe.

Alicia Perre-Dowd

Resident of Harlem. Only ever lived in Upper Manhattan over 11 years in NYC. Chosen to live adult life in a place where she does not need a car. Vital that roads are done justice for pedestrians. Able-bodied people can get on a bike or scoot out of the way of traffic, but so many of our neighbors cannot. Bus lanes are vital because it's a way for the community to transport themselves.

John Santiago

Parent with children at P.S. 4 Duke Ellington. Involved in a motor vehicle accident as a teenager and was not expected to survive. Accident created lasting impression that it would be tragic for something to happen to his children. Look at statistics in this city: leading cause of injury for children is motor vehicle accidents, and second leading cause for senior citizens. Unfortunately we live in a society that is reactionary instead of proactive: please make the right decision.

Whitney Dearden, Riverside Park

Sharing summer schedule of programming at Riverside Park & West Harlem Piers Park. Kicking off on May 4. Programming includes dance, music, children's events, especially in West Harlem.

Theo Chino

Spoke in 2017 about Cy Vance, Jr. Speaking about 168th St. Armory. Former candidate for Public Advocate. Spoke about administration of armory by the Armory Foundation, which is supposed to be supervised by Department of Homeless Services. Effect is privatization of public taxpayer-supported space.

Donald Bernard, Manhattanville Post Office

Offices provide walk-in service for passports on Saturdays and Sundays. Provide package service via Go Post box in the lobby, so packages can be sent to post office instead of house. Sign up for these services at usps.com.

Gwendolyn Black

Visual artist, curator, producer, longtime Harlem resident. Presenting annual Visual Arts & Jazz festival, back after a few years off. Advocates for visual side of jazz. Pushing for permit from Riverbank State Park on June 14 and 15. Free event is for kids to be exposed to jazz music and visual arts. June 15 is tribute to late, great Randy Weston. Festival is 16 years old, and has received proclamations from MBPO and grants from various sources.

Gladys Perez-Mojica, Theater Development Fund

TDF does programming including TKTS booth in Times Square. Ms. Perez-Mojica does community relations. TDF is offering discount for TDF membership for people who qualify for membership, which comes with tickets for Broadway, Off-Broadway, Off-Off-Broadway for up to \$49. Community Partners program sends cohorts of people to see shows, hold facilitated discussions, and put on their own events. Sharing flyers in the back of the room. Visit www.tdf.org

John-Martin Green

Gatekeepers Collective, network for gay, queer, and same gender-loving African-descended men, celebrating centennial of Harlem Renaissance, on Saturday June 1, 1pm, 125th and Broadway, for a guided tour of same-gender-loving "heroes and sheroes" of Harlem Renaissance.

After the public had spoken, PJ Told those who have charged CB9 with doing nothing on pedestrian safety that they should have been picketing the DOT

PJ then asked MW to speak about his subcommittee work on safety and asked that the demonstrators participate on the subcommittee

Robert Jackson gave reflections on his experiences in Albany; highlighting legislation on nondiscrimination on gender

- Child victim act
- Need for more speed cameras
- Making the rent laws more tenant friendly
- Stressed that we must educate tenants re their rights

Mark Levine rep by T Smith

- Distrib flier
- Get smoke detectors on 5/1; we will help you install them
- Health and Wellness at Riverbank 5/18 from 12-3 PM

Al Taylor rep by Erica

- Distrib newsletter
- Round Table 701 W 168 4/28
- 4/27 from 9-1 shredding at Esplanade Gardens

District Attorney: rep by J Menian

- April is sexual assault awareness month
- There should be no statute of limitations for this
- 4/24 is DENIM DAY celebrating the backlash against a judge who overturned a conviction of sexual predator
- Introduced E Silvestra who will represent her at CB9

S Camillo introduced himself [an aid to Robert Jackson] 212.544.0173

Action Items

Resolution 1 (POTTYALLTHETIME, Economic Development Committee) was tabled.

Resolution 2, Calling on a Moratorium on the construction of 1763-67 Amsterdam Avenue as a Homeless Shelter (Housing Committee) passed 33 in favor, 1 present not entitled.

Resolution 3, The request that Mayor De Blasio refrain from appealing Brooklyn Judge Partnow's decision in TPT case which deemed that taking private homes from elderly and HDFC Homeowners (Housing Committee) passed 34 in favor (unanimous).

Old Business

None

New Business

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted

Theodore Kovaleff

Alec Barrett

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4/18/2019

INITIALS

		ROLL 6:40	ACTION ITEM 1	ACTION ITEM 2	ACTION ITEM 3
J ADEWUMI	JAD	P	VOTE	Y	Y
W ALEXANDER	WA	P	POSTPONE	Y	Y
A BARRETT	ABA	P		Y	Y
M BEST	MB				
A BOATNER	AB	P		Y	Y
D MCINTOSH-BROWN	DM	EXCUSED			
M CAINES	MIC	P		Y	Y
M CAMP	MC				
A CARRION	AC			Y	Y
D COHEN	DC	P		Y	Y
M HARDEN-CORDERO	MHC			Y	Y
C CROWDER	CC	LOA			
M CUMMINGS	MAC	P			
M DULA	MD	EXCUSED			
M DUNN	MDU	EXCUSED			
V EDWARDS	VE	P		Y	Y
M ARISTY-FARER	MF			Y	Y
A FLETCHER	AF	P		Y	Y
J GARCIA	JG	EXCUSED			
J MARTIN-GREEN	JMG	P		Y	Y
D HARDEMAN	DH			Y	Y
L HENRY	LH	P		Y	Y
P JOHN	PJ	P		Y	Y
P JOHNSON	PAJ	P		NOT ENT	Y
V JONES	VJ	6:50		Y	Y
T KOVALEFF	TK	P		Y	Y
P LEWIS	PL	P		Y	Y
T LUMLEY	TM	P		Y	Y
J MENTOR	JM			Y	Y
I MERCADO	IM	P		Y	Y
K MILES	KM	8:15		Y	Y
S MORTENSON	SM	P		Y	Y
M PALMA	MP	P		Y	Y
A ROBINSON	AR				
H ROSEBUD	HR			Y	Y
C SINGLETON	CS	LOA			
N SMITH	NS	LOA			
W SOUTH	WS	P		Y	Y
G MORGAN-THOMAS	GMT	6:55		Y	Y
J THOMAS	JT	EXCUSED			
C THOMPSON	CT	P		Y	Y
E TORRES	ET	P		Y	Y
A TYLER	AT	P		Y	Y
M WALLACE	MAW	P		Y	Y
B WEINBERG	BW	6:49		Y	Y
J WEINSTEIN	JW				
M WELLS	MW			Y	Y
S WILSON	SW				
TOTAL		23		35-0-0-1	36-0-0

Note: Full reso texts attached

ACTION ITEM	1	WD
ACTION ITEM	2	MORATORIUM ON CONST OF SHELTER AT 1763-7 AMSTERDAM AV
ACTION ITEM	3	REQUEST THAT MAYOR DEBLASIO NOT APPEAL JUDGE PARTNOW DECISION IN TPT CASE