

Manhattan Community Board 9  
3291 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027

CB9M General Board Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, April 20th, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: The NAC at City College on 135th Street and Convent Ave., also broadcast over Zoom and Facebook Live

**Attendance:**

See the "Roll Call" Sheet/Attendance taken by Chair Barry Weinberg

**Proposed Agenda for CB9M General Board Meeting on Thursday, 4/20/2023**

- General Board Meeting Agenda;
- General Board Minutes (03/16/23);
- Chair's Report (will be shared at the Meeting);
- Treasurer's Report;
- District Manager's Report;
- WHDC Report;
- Elections/Nominating Committee

Action Item(s):

- 1. Reso re: HPD Grant Program Revisions**
  - 2. LOS re: Proposed "Harlem Walk of Honor" Augmented Reality Exhibit by San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art**
  - 3. Reso re: "Cannabis" State Licensing and Permits Committee**
  - 4. LOS re: 200 Convent Avenue, CCNY Wingate Hall, Docket: LPC 19-33564**
  - 5. LOS re: Good Vibes in the Park, AYOINMOTION**
  - 6. LOS re: 340B FUNDING**
  - 7. Reso re: Amendment of MCB9 By-Laws to Permit Electronic Voting**
- Committee Minutes
  - Flyers, and Announcements
  - May/June - 2023 Calendar

## **I. Call to Order**

Vice Chair V. Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM.

## **II. Adopt Agenda**

The meeting agenda for tonight was submitted prior to the meeting. L. Henry moved to adopt the agenda. C. Thompson seconded the motion. All remaining members present unanimously agreed.

## **III. Adopt Minutes**

S. Prophete & T. Kovaleff submitted the minutes from the March 2023 general board meeting prior to the meeting. V. Edwards moved to adopt the minutes. C. Thompson seconded the motion. All remaining members present unanimously agreed.

Presentation - Municipal Credit Union on Financial Empowerment by Athena Moore

- Slides shared during the meeting
- Mission: connecting members and communities
- Oldest Credit Union in NY opened in 1916
- Not-for-Profit Organization - owned by its members
  - Must qualify for membership
  - Lower feeds and better interest rates
  - Member-driven
  - A volunteer board of directors
  - No bank fees
- April is National Financial Literacy Month
- The branch is on 124th Street and St. Nicholas Ave.
- Athena Moore - Vice President, Community Engagement
  - Debra Sinodinos
  - Email: [Community@nymcu.org](mailto:Community@nymcu.org)
  - 212-238-3300

## **IV. Reports**

Board Chair Report: Hon. B. Weinberg

- Tour of Site called “Landing Road” in the Bronx run by the Bowery Residents Committee
  - Similar to the site at 1727 Amsterdam Avenue, but smaller
    - The site actually belongs to NYC and not Health and Hospitals Corporation
    - Will probably have to go EULER process
- Attended Borough Board Meeting this morning

- Data.census.gov
- PUMA (public use microdata area)
  - <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/pumas.html>
  - Advanced search → geography → Public Use Microdata Area
  - Drill in to find our community district.
- MBP Office will conduct training on how to use and leverage this data
- Received correspondence from Columbia University regarding Red Balloon Daycare, and their intent to replace Red Balloon with another non-profit at 560 Riverside Drive.

Treasurer's Report: Hon. C. Thompson

- No change at this time.

District Manager's Report: Eutha Prince

- The report is in the document packet distributed via email
- The Nation Park Service celebrating President Ulysses S. Grant ([gegr\\_info@nps.gov](mailto:gegr_info@nps.gov)) 646 670 7251
- Spring 2023 SAFE Disposal on Sunday, June 11 at Columbia University West 120th Street
- NYC Parks Dept. is hiring - [www.nyc.gov/parks](http://www.nyc.gov/parks)
- NYS Senator Cordell is hosting her Inauguration this Sunday, April 23rd, 3-6 pm at Wadleigh School for Performing Arts 215 West 114th Street
- DOT Car Free Earth Day April 22nd, 2023 from 10 am - 3 pm
- NYC DoS new rules for residential trash and recycling pickup
- ASP Suspended tomorrow 4/21 (end of Ramadan)
- Hakeel Elliston started on 4/3 as the new Community Associate
- The NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services is hosting an NYC Government Hiring Hall on Saturday, April 22nd in the Bronx.
  - Event name: NYC Government Hiring Hall
  - Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023
  - Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
  - Location: Monroe College – 2501 Jerome Ave, Bronx, NY 10468
  - Registration: [bit.ly/april22nychiringhall](https://bit.ly/april22nychiringhall)
    - Please share the above information and the attached flyer with your constituents. The flyer can also be accessed here: <https://on.nyc.gov/Hiring-Hall-Bronx-Apr22>. Please also share on your social media pages

WHDC Report: Hon. P. Watler-Johnson

- WHDC Report is in the packet distributed
- Board meeting on April 5th, 2023
  - Pat could not attend due to personal reasons.

- Next board meeting is scheduled for Wed 5/17
- WHDC Resource Fair
- WHDC Board chairman, Milton Tingling was recognized by City and State Magazine for the 2023 Law Power, 100
- Uptown Night Market started again on 4/13
  - The remaining events will be on the second Thursday of every month from April through October 2023.
- WHDC co-sponsored jazz on tap at Aaron Davis Hall, with the multi-talented Mr. Omar Edwards (from “Bring in the Noise and Bring in Da Funk”)
- WHDC Co-Sponsor of the City College Center for the Arts presentation of the Limon Dance Company - at Aaron Davis Hall on Wed 5/3 at 7 PM or Sat 5/6 at 1 PM or 7 PM
- Visit [www.westharlemdc.org](http://www.westharlemdc.org) for more information

UMEZ: Rev. Morgan Thomas

- Awarded \$1.35 Million in grants due to the Equitable Recovery Plan from Community Development Financial Institute
- A total of \$1.7 billion dollars in grants was given to 603 community development funds
  - More than 4 times what was available for funding
  - 2 areas really benefited - real estate developers of color and childcare providers
  - Many small businesses will be eligible to receive funding
- Go to the UMEZ website - to sign up for workforce training, microloans, or small business loans.

125th Street BID Report: Ken Miles

- Not present at this time.

Manhattan Borough President’s Office Report: Mark Levine & Minah Whyte  
(minahwhyte@manhattanbp.nyc.gov)

- MBP Levine could not attend tonight. Minah will give the report.
- Minah Whyte
  - Community Liaison
  - Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine
  - (212) 669-4519
  - minahwhyte@manhattanbp.nyc.gov
- Congratulations to CB9 on Cannabis Symposium at Columbia Forum
  - Cannabis Health, Wellness, and Harlem Forum
    - Led by Hardin-Cordero and Miriam Aristy Farer
- Attended Jackie Robinson Day Event
- Rat Academy and Mitigation Events
  - Controlling Rat population in the city and our district
- Housing Development Sites
  - 2 sites in MCB9
    - Asking for input from the community
    - Identifying rezoning opportunities

- Currently conducting Community Board Interviews

#### Election Committee Report - L. Henry

- Members: L. Henry, T. Khan, T. Lumley, A. Robinson, K.Miles, T. Kovaleff
  - met this past Monday
- Survey results presented by Tina Lumley and Tiffany Khan
  - 38 responses submitted
  - Average 3-4 years on board before serving
  - All respondents lived or worked in the community were 6 years or more.
  - Words of encouragement shared
- [www.cb9m.org/intent-to-run](http://www.cb9m.org/intent-to-run)
  - Full procedures for candidates, and a brief job description of each of the officers' positional roles and responsibilities
  - Familiarize yourself with all parts of the board, use the opportunity to improve how the board runs, and seek the advice of those who have done it before.
- 5/15 deadline for nominations
- 5/18 nomination night
- 5/31 is "candidates night" - must be present to give their statements and answer any questions from the Board and the public.
  - If a candidate is not President for candidates tonight, the nominee forfeits his or her candidacy

#### V. Public Session

- Summer on the Hudson (Whitney Deardan - director of Public programming at Riverside Park)
  - [whitney@riversideparknyc.org](mailto:whitney@riversideparknyc.org)
  - [nyc.gov/parks/soh](http://nyc.gov/parks/soh)
  - All the programs run from 59th St. to 181st - summer on the Hudson, of course, have a very large contingent of events in West Harlem peers.
- NY African Chorus Ensemble - Joyce Adewumi (Founder)
  - The organization started in 2010 - an artistic way of reducing hate crimes in a very culturally diverse community
  - Sponsoring and organizing - the New York City Multicultural Festival
  - NYC Multicultural Festival - Saturday, June 3 2023 11 am - 7 pm at Jackie Robinson Park (Flyer going out to all)
  - Offering free pre-registrations to small businesses and furniture for setup
  - Kids are also free
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- Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance

- Event on Tuesday 5/9 7:30 PM at the Harlem School of the Arts
  - Suggested donation of \$10 benefiting Summer camp for kids
  - Uptown Arts Poster Contest
    - The winner/1st place got \$1,500, 2nd place \$750, 3rd place \$500
  - Spring Book Bash Saturday, June 3rd 12 pm - 4 pm
    - Location: Mitchel Square Park (166th St. & Broadway)
    - Giving away over 3,000 books
  - Latin/Brazilian Jazz on Thursday 6/29 from 6-9 PM at the United Palace
  - Women of Substance - Gallery show begins Thursday 6/29 on the Ground floor of the United Palace on 175th and Broadway
- Dr. Sidney Hankerson - Vice Chair of Community Engagement at Mt. Sinai
    - Hope in Harlem Conference - Saturday, May 13th, 2023 from 10 AM - 1 PM
    - I am a psychiatrist and vice chair of community engagement at Mount Sinai, and I'm really proud to announce that on Saturday, May thirteenth, we are going to be hosting at the First Corinthian Baptist Church the first annual "Hope in Harlem Conference"
      - Contact me at [Sidney.Hankerson@mountsinai.org](mailto:Sidney.Hankerson@mountsinai.org)
    - Speakers will be Trisha Hershey, Dr. Lina Green, Dr. Ann Sullivan, Dr. Shoppa Taufiq, Dr. Corinne Glover, and Congressman Richie Torres
    - Immediately after the conference. We're going to be blocking off 160th Street between Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and Frederick Douglass, and having a wellness fair and so we really want this to be a family-wide event for kids, to come out.
    - [www.Hopeinharlemconference.com](http://www.Hopeinharlemconference.com)
      - Nominate a "hero of hope"
- Walter T. Alexander
    - Senior Resource Fair on 5/2
      - Taking place at 3291 Broadway on 133rd Street from 11 am - 3 pm
      - Looking for volunteers for setup and breakdown
    - April is Senior Month
- Clara Lopez - resident at 139th Street and Bway (3424 and 3428 Bway)
    - The restaurant and Billiard Bar make a lot of noise until 4 AM (almost every night)
    - She and her husband have numerous health issues. They cannot afford to move.
    - Cannot rest/sleep. Called NYPD and 311 many times.
    - Spoke to the Landlord (Larry Gluck of Stellar Management) - they do not help and disregard attempts of communication (phone calls, emails, letters)
    - Matt, Natalie Smith, Sarah Williams, Todos Nosotros - all residents of the building also voiced their concerns about the situation
      - music goes on until 3-4 AM, the building shakes because of the reverberating base
      - 311 tickets are closed without being addressed

- 30th precinct needs to address - awaiting response
- <https://www.wrightlawfirmnyc.com/nyc-commercial-leases-what-is-the-covenant-of-quiet-enjoyment/>
- Stacey Marius (Community Liason for Assemblyman Al Taylor's office)
  - Listening tours last 2 weeks
  - Free community paper shred event
    - This Saturday at Esplanade Gardens 2569 Adam Clayton Powell Blvd from 10 am - 1 pm.
- Franchesco Martinez (District Director for Councilmember Abreu)
  - Earth Day Community Cleanup with Bway Malls Association
  - Rat mitigation zones & events
    - The city is investing \$3.5 million in Harlem alone
  - Right to Counsel fight
    - Our district has the highest rates of eviction in the entire city, and sentence have repeatedly expressed to our office that they are not able to obtain legal representation and housing court because legal aid services and housing attorneys simply cannot take on any more cases
    - A crisis of historic proportions, the cost of the Rights Council is significantly less than the cost of maintaining and continuously pouring money into our overburdened shelter a responsible budget must fund the right to counsel and make the promise of legal representation a reality
- Nina Norwood
  - Congressional Arts competition for District 13 - deadline 4/28
    - Accepting submissions to get artwork displayed in Washington DC
  - Coffee with the Congressman events upcoming - engage with the community
    - 1st event is scheduled for May 6th
  - EPA event at Riverbank State Park
    - Embrace the environment and raise concerns
- Mirian Hernandez
  - Community Liaison
  - Hernandezm@nyassembly.gov | 212.866.3970
  - Assemblyman Danny O'Donnell's Office - District 69
  - Budget talks extended
    - Redistricting to be voted on
  - Reshredding event
  - UWS - free store of resources
    - UWS Open Hearts Free Store
    - This Saturday, April 22nd, 10 am -12 pm at Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew
  - Japan Parade on Sat 5/13

- 67th Street to 81st Street on Central Park West from 1 PM - 3:30 PM
- Somali Green (rep from Councilwoman Kristen Richardson Jordan's office)
  - O: 646-960-1344
  - C: 917-938-4009
  - State of the District on Housing: May 7th, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM [Location TBD]
    - Link to Participate in the Harlem Wallet: <https://harlemwallet.org/>
  - Register for PSPNY [Parents Supporting Parents] Power Hour; Enacting Change via Legislation Event: [bit.ly/3nidNEw](http://bit.ly/3nidNEw)
  - Register for Harlem Grown's Earth Day Festival [Sat. April 22nd, 2023]: <https://www.harlemgrown.org/earth-day-festival-2023>

## VI. Action Items:

### 1. Reso re: HPD Grant Program Revisions

- Reso presented by Tiffany Khan
- M. Dula moves for Unanimous Consent. S. Wilson seconds the motion. There were no objections. All remaining members approve the resolution going forward.

### 2. LOS re: Proposed "Harlem Walk of Honor" Augmented Reality Exhibit by San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art

- Letter of Support presented by D. Hardeman
- M. Dula moves for Unanimous Consent. W. Alexander seconds the motion. There were no objections. All remaining members approve the letter of support going forward.

### 3. Reso re: "Cannabis" State Licensing and Permits Committee

- Tabled until next month.

### 4. LOS re: 200 Convent Avenue, CCNY Wingate Hall, Docket: LPC 19-33564

- Letter of Support presented by Chair B. Weinberg
- L. Waytkus and P. Watler Johnson make friendly amendments
- S. Mortensen moves for Unanimous Consent. M. Dula seconds the motion. There were no objections. All remaining members approve the letter of support with friendly amendments made going forward.

### 5. LOS re: Good Vibes in the Park, AYOINMOTION

- Letter of Support presented by H. Jason



- J. Adeumi moves for Unanimous Consent. V. Edwards seconds the motion. There were no objections. All remaining members approve the letter of support going forward.

**6. LOS / ratification re: 340B FUNDING**

- Letter of Support/ratification explained by Chair B. Weinberg
- M. Dula moves for Unanimous Consent. W. Alexander seconds the motion. There were no objections. All remaining members approve the letter of support/ratification going forward

**7. Reso re: Amendment of MCB9 By-Laws to Permit Electronic Voting**

- Reso presented by L. Henry
- D. Hardeman moves for Unanimous Consent. W. Alexander seconds the motion. There were no objections. All remaining members approve the resolution going forward.

**VII. Old Business**

- a. None was brought up at this time.

**VIII. New Business**

- a. Rev. Morgan Thomas UMEZ appointment up. She can be reappointed for another year.
- b. 4850 Convent Avenue in TIL

**IX. Adjourn**

- J. Arrendell moved to adjourn the meeting. W. Alexander seconded the motion. All participants were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM by Chair Weinberg.

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete