

Manhattan Community Board 9
General Board Meeting
January 16, 2020

Called to attention at 6:38 PM.

Presentations

Darlene Bruce, AM Taylor's Office

Report on the state of HDFCs in 71st AD. Program created to allow residents to invest in their communities to preserve their housing and become homeowners. Predatory lending adding to burden of homeowners, leading to eviction notices. Succession also complicated even when children and grandchildren properly included in homeowners' wills.

Solutions needed across government: draft legislation would give agencies authority to enforce shareholder and tenant rights.

Taylon Murphy and Derrick Haynes, Credible Messengers

Family members murdered in Grant and Manhattanville Houses, which are sometimes in conflict with each other. Uses CB9 office as neutral space to talk to young people. Important for young people to be able to express themselves.

Embarking on reentry program for those jailed in 2014 raids to promote peace "from the inside out" -- starting by meeting with incarcerated individuals, their families, and influential people in the community. Help heal trauma resulting from law enforcement actions. Model can be replicated elsewhere.

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Meeting called to order at 7:17 PM. Meeting agenda adopted unanimously. Minutes adopted unanimously.

Chair's Report, BW

Board has submitted budget priorities to city OMB to incorporate into mayor's budget. Moving forward with initiatives on 12th avenue: small businesses are struggling; street is collapsing; undertaking rehab of Marine Transfer Station.

JTS contributing \$250K to Morningside Heights via New York Community Trust and \$1M in-kind contribution. UTS \$700K to homelessness prevention via Pa'lante, \$400K to Morningside Heights via NYCT, and \$3.9M in-kind.

Exec Cmte met with 26th Precinct regarding Tessa Majors case. Census still hiring - essential for community to be counted. Working with DHS on homeless outreach to offer appropriate transitioning and shelter housing. CB applications are still open.

Treasurer's Report, AT

Discretionary money from CMs Levine and Perkins available for outreach, forums. Proposals from committees due Jan 31 to Chair, Treasurer, and DM.

In past years, money transferred to fiscal conduit to be spent in next fiscal year, but this year, money needs to be allocated and spent this year. Up to \$1000/committee.

District Manager, EP

Homeless Outreach Population Estimate overnight on Jan 27. Rep. Espaillat's state of the district address on Jan 30. Plastic bag ban taking effect on March 1, and paper bags will have 5 cent fee (waived for SNAP recipients).

WHDC, PWJ

2020 grant applications in education/youth development, workforce/economic development, and community resources available from \$5K to \$25K. Applications due Feb 7, announced April 2020. WHDC-funded project in Marcus Garvey Village appeared in NY1 segment on problems at work site. Project will have community space for artists. Annual board meeting on Jan 18. Dec 21, 2019 holiday celebration and toy giveaway resounding success.

MBPO, AA

CB application deadline extended to Feb 14. Capital funding grants available to non-profit organizations, schools, and cultural institutions, applications due Feb 19. Cultural tourism grants for non-profits and cultural organizations for marketing initiatives, applications due Jan 24.

Partnering with CB9, 26th Precinct, Friends of Morningside Park on community forum following tragedy in Morningside Park at PAL on Jan 29.

Census town hall at Schomburg Center on Jan 30.

Black History Month event on Feb 12 at MIST Harlem, remembering Toni Morrison and celebrating 100th anniversary of Harlem Renaissance.

Public Session**Alicia James**

Promote mental health and wellness. Advocates for mothers of color and mental health. Feb 8 with NYC Commission on Human Rights to hold workshop on NY State laws on human rights laws on maternity and family leave at public library on 145th.

Harlem Rhythm holding events in public spaces looking to make new friends! Use grant funds to hire dance instructors to teach dance to communities. Also resource fair with tables by local non-profits. This summer (Aug 29) at Riverbank State Park.

Ruben Rahman, Harlem CDC

Free programs: support first-time home buyers and small businesses and entrepreneurs.
Upcoming workshops for businesses: Jan 22, sales prospecting; Feb 5, opening a food business; Feb 12, patents; March 4, finding a lender. Workshops for home buyers on credit, money management, home buying process, grants for qualified home buyers.

Ann Rucker

North River Community Environmental Review Board. Governor has a plan to move state police out of Riverbank State Park.

Elected Officials

N. Saxon for Comptroller S Stringer

Distrib a flier on Afro Americans and there will be a celebration at LIU
Reminded us about summer internships for college undergrads/grads and especially law school attendees. We should be represented.
Contacts: 646.245.4114 and n.saxon@comptroller.nyc.gov

M. Booker for Congressperson Espaillat

Distrib newsletter which includes forms
Highlighted vote for War Powers Act
Has allotted \$2.4 million for victims of domestic violence and stalking
State of the District 1/30 at PS 212 [191 Street and Bway

T Jenkins for Mayor De Blasio

Meeting with DOE on what we value in education—share it with them. 1/30 @6 in State Office Bldg

K Smith for Councilperson M Levine

Our office offers immigration services including help for DACA and citizenship applications
2/19 deadline for not for profits to apply for grants

P Figueroa for Senator R Jackson

Distrib fliers
There will be a magnet school in District 5
1/30 Forum on know your rights –site to be determined
2/6 forum with NY Presbyterian on how to get back in the labor force after incarceration

A Rodriguez for AM D ODonnell

We are collecting books for distrib thru Friday

C Ellison for Public Advocate

Have reorganized office; now have persons with expertise in specific topics answering questions and preparing legislation

Power of press: Naming 100 worst landlords kickstarted NYCHA

Contact Tellison@advocate.nyc.gov or call 212.669.7250

E Silvestie for DA C Vance

We are working on teen violence

We are looking for summer interns

Action Items

AT: Reso re draft Amendment in State Private Housing Finance Law Pertaining to HDFCs

Passed: 34-0-0-0

AC: LOS on the renovation of PS 125 playground

Friendly amendment to add lighting to the project

Passed: 34-0-0-1

CT: New Liquor Applications

Angela and Michael Steil

Passed: 35-0-0-0

Hamilton's Hall

Passed 35-0-0-0

CT: Liquor License Renewal

LaSalle Dumpling

Passed: 32-0-3-0

CT: Renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café applications

Mill Korean Restaurant

Passed: 34-0-0-0

Nussbaum & Wu

Passed: 34-0-0-0

Toms Restaurant

Passed 34-0—0-0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16.

Respectfully submitted,

Alec Barrett

Ted Kovaleff