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

June 2009 General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: June 18, 2009
Time: 6:30 PM
Location: Fortune Society

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Pat Jones at 6:49 PM.

The roll was taken and 33 were present.

DW/Many: To adopt the agenda UNAM
Note: On the tally sheet are listed the names and corresponding initials

DW/NM: To adopt the minutes with any subsequent corrections – UNAM

The Chair, PJ, recognized Florence Rice for Sen Ruben Diaz and Assemblyperson Dimowitz for their senior citizen contributions. And the Board recognized Ms Rice on her 90th birthday.

Presentations:
Edwin Marshall [212.720.3560], Melissa Soweto, and Adam Wolfe of Dept of City Planning re Harlem rezoning
Provided a preliminary draft of the rezoning proposal
Timeline: Have meetings, take comments over summer
Will return to the Board in Fall for an OK
It was suggested that a need for “quality architecture” be included in the plan
There will be public review in early 2010
To Land Use/Zoning meeting on 7/21

Rezoning W 129 Amst-Convent
Jonathan and Michael Feigenbaum have purchased 2/3 of the Metropolitan Opera warehouse to build housing
Had done affordable housing on cor of 129 and Amsterdam AV
Wants change to residential zoning for 90-95 rental apts
80% - 2 bedrooms @ c.$1800 per mo
10% - 3 bedrooms @ c.$2200 per mo
10% - 1 bedroom @ c. $1200 per mo
Avg sq feet is 960
100% is market rate with a 2500 sq foot community center
SBM: The building plans are boring; please be more creative
See below for reso on topic
PJ moved the elections to this part of the agenda with agreement of members “as there is a full agenda”

**Elections Committee chaired by WS**
WS gave background and ground rules for the election process
The Ballots were distributed according to roll call

The CB voted on the following positions
P Jones: Chair
C Thompson 1st Vice Chair
2nd Vice Chair [contested]
   S Bailey-McClain
   Y Stennett
A Fletcher: Treasurer
D Wilson: Asst Treasurer
T Kovaleff: Secretary
J Arrendell: Asst Secy

After a moment the ballots were collected per roll call
The Elections committee then retired to tally the results

**Councilperson Robt Jackson**
Left a flier detailing activities
Reported on a number of issues
On June 30, Council will vote on including Muslim holidays in the Public School calendar
Highlighted the Small Business Survival bill which provides arbitration on rents
City Expense Budget is down $1 Billion
Will vote no on the DOE allocation due to cutbacks
To graduate seniors must get 65% on all regents exams that year

**Reports**

**Chair’s Report: P Jones**
Written report in packet
Highlighted the 7/28 ULURP there will be a public hearing and then the Full Board will vote as per reso from Exec Comm
Reso passes 33-1-1
Thanked Councilpersons for their support in restoring the CB Budget cuts

**Treasurers Report: A Fletcher**
Report in the packet
On F we will commence close out procedures for the end of the FY
DM Report: E Prince
Provided written report
Highlighted
National Night out 8/4/09
Hamilton Grange and G Bruce Libs sponsoring summer reading
Col Univ sponsoring a College Fair on 7/16 at Lerner Hall
Introduced Ray McLaughlin as a community assistant

TK/CT: To accept reports – UNAM

For the BP: Antionne Pierre
Highlighted the fliers distrib to the community
Noted that there is a bill in the NY Legislature to install door restrictors on all NYCHA houses

For Assemblyperson D Farrell: E Temple Bell
Provided flier
212.234.1430

For Councilperson I Dickins: Qiqani Brea
Noted legislative involvements
Hailed the restoration of the CB’s budget and the 6 day library schedule

At this point the Elections Committee returned with the results
WS noted that as one ballot was not signed, its choices had not been included

Chair
P Jones 34 – 6 [note that the 6 votes were “withheld” – this format is used below]

1st Vice Chair
C Thompson 35 - 5

2nd Vice Chair
S Bailey McClain 10
Y Stennett 28- [won post]

Treasurer
A Fletcher: 38 – 1

Asst Treasurer
D Wilson: 39 - 1

Secretary
T Kovaleff: 36-4
Asst Secy
J Arrendell: 37-3

PJ thanked the Election Committee
[Membership: WS, NM, TB, PL, CC]

Public Session:
Minutes taken by Asst Secy J Arrendell

Ervin Smalls – seeking support of the Parks & Recreation Committee resolution approving the Mini Soccer Field project in Riverside Park and 146 Street.

Larissa Floy – complains on the noise late Sunday evenings from Talay. Larry English also commented on the noise.

Helen Broady – NYC Public Library – Morninside Branch located at Broadway and 114th Street is offering free computer classes, toddler time (songs and stories) and read aloud for children. Also seeking volunteers for computer class support to assist people new to the computer world.

Walter South – seeking a cost benefits analysis and transparency from Columbia University.

Tom Demott - questioned why wasn’t he notified of the opening of the Harlem Piers.

Michel Madie – invites all to visit Temple M, located an 141st Street Bet. Broadway and Amsterdam. Savona addressed the noise complaints form the neighbors of Temple M.

Isaac Fleisher – Riverside Park Fund – holding a free community volunteer day, volunteers can participate in gardening, storytelling, nature crafts and making balloon animals. Music by DJ Amore. The event will take place Sunday, June 28th 12pm – 3pm at Riverside Drive and 143rd Street. For more information, please contact Isaac Fleisher at 646-241-9379 of email Isaac@riversideparkfund.org

Julius Tajiddin – states that there is a need to push for a City Legislation that gives the City power to appoint a board to oversee due process on public school buildings when not utilized for public schools.

Ann Rocker - addresses mosquitos in our community. 4th of July firework to be held on the West Side should come up North to 125th Street. Sewage treatment plants should be upgraded and want Councilman Robert Jackson to put pressure on DEP.
Resolutions [For text of resos see appended sheets]

VB: School Governance
32-2-3-1

BT: Tracking Park Crime
38-0-0

BT: Mini Soccer Field
37-0-1

PJ: Establish Budget Committee
37-0-1

Merge Housing/Land Use /Zoning into one committee
34-0-4

WSO/DW: Openness in WHLDC deliberations and votes
35-0-1-2

PJ: Ratify Executive Committee Action on the CBA
24-1-7

Old Business
None

New Business
None

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00PM.

Respectfully submitted

Jane Arrendell

Theodore P Kovaleff

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