

Manhattan Community Board 9
3291 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

CB9M General Board Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, June 15th, 2023

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: CU Forum on 125th Street and Broadway and 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, 6/15/2023

- General Board Meeting Agenda;
- **General Board Minutes (05/18/23);**
- Chair's Report ;
- Treasurer's Report;
- District Manager's Report;
- WHDC Report;
- Action Item(s):
 1. Reso re: 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
 2. Reso re: City of Yes Carbon Neutrality Text Amendment
- **Liquor License New Application(s) & Retail Permits:**
 3. Reso re: The Gateway 151 LLC – W. 151st St., Riverside Park (Arcade and Rotunda)
 4. Reso re: La Esquina Del Salmon – 3379 Broadway
 5. Reso re: Inkay Corp. aka La Flor de Broadway – 3395 Broadway
 6. Reso re: Star Lounge aka Little Street Lounge (Amended) – 126 Hamilton Place
- **Liquor License Renewal(s):**
 7. Skinny River Inc. aka Skinny's Cantina – 703 W. 133rd St. /2346 12th Ave.
 8. Riverbank Restaurant, LLC aka Sofrito – 679 Riverside Drive
 9. Clove Indian Restaurant – 1592 Amsterdam Avenue
 10. Shake Shack – 2957 Broadway
- Committee Minutes
- Flyers, and Announcements

- July/August - 2023 Calendar

I. Call to Order

Chair B. Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. 37 members are present at this time.

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Adopt Minutes

S. Prophete submitted the minutes from the May 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.

IV. Reports

Dept. of Sanitation (Councilmember Shaun Abreu, Deputy Commissioner, Asst. Commissioner for Outreach, Chief of Sanitation)

- Trash containers to be deployed in our district (Pilot)
- Rat mitigation zones
- Study issues in Harlem - assessment of the trash
- Learn from this area, receive feedback & lessons learned
- Collection will increase from 3 times a week to 6 times a week
- Learning from new equipment. Learned from a previous pilot.
- Loss of parking
- Looking at 311 data; performing analysis of complaints
- Containers will be placed at schools in August
- Residential program has no start date
 - 10 block radius
- Enforcement for Street Vendors
- Future of Trash Study on Sanitation Site
- Fundamental changes are being made
- Feedback through CB office and Council member's Office
- Addressing dog waste issues
- Composting in schools (Danielle Shirtly); rats are after the food waste
- Master composting program - to teach people how to compost

- Harlem homeowner worried about bins in front of her home bringing value down
- Residents can put trash in a bin after 6pm. Sanitation would prefer it.
- Coordinated collaboration with community needed

Shaun Abreu

- \$195 million of legal aid needed (\$110 million for right to counsel program)
- 25,000 individuals going through housing court system without representation
- Working with Housing and Land Use Committee
- Jquigley@council.nyc.gov (Julissa Quigley) - issue re: parking permits

New Community Members, Welcome!

- April Adams
- Ely Antoine
- Chris Berry
- Sharon De La Cruz
- Elizabeth Eastman
- Michael Iglesias
- Thiago Keel
- Clotilde Monguya
- Juanrios ?
- Amir Sadeghi
- Clayton Sanford
- Francina Waring
- Elisa Yu (registered parliamentarian)
- New Board Member orientation will be created

Elections

- Online ballots distributed via email
- Vote online via election buddy or via paper ballot
- Deadline is 8:30 PM

Board Chair Report: Hon. B. Weinberg

- Began his report at 8:04 PM
- Last chair's report from Barry
- His term as Chair ends on June 30th.
- Moved offices, staff turnover, 1st community board to run virtual meetings and hybrid meetings, brought over \$15 million in restaurant relief, great staff and culture
- Lost Walter South and April Tyler during the pandemic
- Happy to pass on the torch to Victor
- Please see the distributed packet for more pertinent information.
- Happy Pride Month!
- Happy Juneteenth
- Early Voting starts this weekend.

- Jonathan Signaub has resigned from the board due to health reasons.

Treasurer's Report: Hon. C. Thompson

- Report in packet . But there is no significant change at this time.
- Budget submissions; the process is starting earlier
- Funds will be used up by July 30th

District Manager's Report: Eutha Prince

- The report is in the document packet distributed via email
- Worked side by side with Barry since start of COVID quarantine
- Pleasure working with Barry

WHDC Report: Hon. P. Watler-Johnson

- Administers Community Benefit Agreement with Columbia University
- Community Benefit grants - deadline June 23rd
 - Go to www.westharlemdc.org
- Youth Fair at the CU Forum on 6/14
- Wed 6/21 HDFC Resource Forum
 - Must RSVP through eventbrite
 - Will be on WHDC Youtube Channel
- Uptown Night Market taking place tonight.

UMEZ: Rev. Morgan Thomas

- Excused due to a family emergency

125th Street BID Report: Ken Miles

- CB10 received legal notice from 125th Street Cannabis location
- 30 days to make recommendation or not support (advisory)
- NYS does not have to take the recommendation
- Case is moving along through the court system
- Bringing greater awareness of legal dispensaries
- Harlem Holiday Lights planning is starting. Celebrating 30 years
 - Theme is celebrating our youth

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

- Welcomes new board members
- Thanks Barry for his leadership
- The Rent Guidelines Board did not come up with a Manhattan site, only a virtual option was given for a hearing. MBP did testify at the virtual hearing.
- Pride parade next weekend. March with MBP Office Staff, reach out to Minah
- Give feedback on DSNY program
- Interested in Artificial Intelligence and how it can influence government
- Onboarding meeting for new Community Board members starting tomorrow
- What is the criteria for appointing members to the community board?
 - Can MBP speak with the board on why certain members were not reappointed?

Election Committee Report - L. Henry

- Verifying members that are present and have voted
- 5 paper ballots were submitted
- Tallying up the votes now.

V. Public Session

- Elisa Ruiz
 - Not present
- Brad Taylor
 - Congratulations to Barry!
 - On CB9 for 10 years
 - Friends of Morningside Park - waterfall has not worked and the pond is filled with algae. Online petition with 750 signatures. Need funding.
 - Working on a resolution.
- Sharell
 - Not present
- KOTA
 - Jaana Rehnstorm (Kota Alliance)
 - 153rd Street and St. Nicholas Avenue
 - Women's Empowerment
 - Technology, Financial literacy and Health and Mental awareness
 - Looking for partners and to collaborate
 - Showcasing films on teen women and reproductive health
 - Call for female artists from West Harlem for exhibit called Faces of Justice in October 2023 (\$250 stipend)
 - Go to kotaalliance.org
- Nicole Becker
 - Every Voice Choirs
 - Riverside Church & Grant Houses
 - Choirs have no auditions
 - VoiceAbility Teachers College with No Tuition Fee
 - Cornerstone Choir - Intergenerational Signing

- Community Performances
- Annual Concerts
- Professional Collaborations
- All children Ages 7-17 are welcome. For residents of West Harlem.
- www.everyvoicechoirs.org
- Walter Biggs
 - 25 year resident of 142nd Street
 - Expressing concern about issues with containers program proposed by DSNY
 - Impacts historical & architectural fabric
 - West Harlem Historic District
 - Insensitive to placement of dumpsters
- Louis Bailey (WeACT)
 - July 15th Summer BBQ to recognize members at 12-4PM
 - Register online
- Mirian Hernandez (Office of Assembly Member O'Donnell)
 - hernandezm@nyassembly.gov
 - Community Liaison
 - Sign Up for our newsletter!
 - OdonnellD@nyassembly.gov
 - 212-866-3970
 - Congrats to new members of CB9
 - Happy Pride Month and Happy Juneteenth
 - Riverside Park Lamps Malfunctioning
 - Trying to work with Con Edison and DOT on getting this fixed
 - Application portal for arts funding/grants is currently open
 - Riverbank State Park holding 30th Anniversary
 - Central Park Adventures Day Sat 6/17
 - Assembly going back into session.
 - Request made to Columbia for Elevator proposal at 125th Street & Broadway
- Solomon Acevedo (Public Advocate's Office)
 - Immigrant Heritage Month
 - State of the People Conference
 - Public Safety (watch on advocate.nyc.gov)
 - Increase accountability for landlords
 - Make them pay for negligence
 - Tour of Rikers Island was made last week
 - On News 12 - 3rd Monday of the Month, takes questions live
 - Contact the office: gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov
 - Signup for bimonthly newsletter.

VI. Action Items:

- Resolution re: 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
 - Friendly amendment proposed by Heather Jason
 - Members should have read the draft
 - City owned property, run by HHC
 - Daryl Miller - 144th Street Block Association in favor of resolution
 - C. Thompson moves for unanimous consent. Seconded by V. Edwards.
 - Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Resolution passes.
- Proposed Zoning Resolution - City of Yes (Carbon Neutrality Text Amendment)
 - Goal to help owners make beneficial changes
 - A. Robinson moves for unanimous consent. Seconded by M. Aristy Farer
 - Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Resolution passes.

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- Carolyn Thompson & P. Watler Johnson provides a recap.
- W. Alexander moves for unanimous consent. M. Hardin Cordero seconds the motion.
- H. Jason, E. Torres, and P. Caldwell abstain. Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. New applications approved.

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VII. Old Business

- a. Senior issues committee would like a letter sent to the Dept. Aging for cutting funding for seniors.
 1. Passes by Unanimous consent

VIII. New Business.

- a. Election results
 1. Victor Edwards (Chair), Barry Weinberg (1st Vice Chair), Monique Hardin Cordero (2nd Vice Chair), Deidre Mcintosh Brown (Treasurer), Carolyn Thompson (Asst. Treasurer), Solomon Prophete (Secretary), and Ted Kovaleff (Asst. Secretary)

IX. Adjourn

- T. Lumley moved to adjourn the meeting. W. Alexander seconded the motion. All participants were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM by Chair Weinberg.

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete