

**General Board Meeting**

**March 17, 2016**

**Community Board 9 Manhattan**

**16-18 Old Broadway**

**New York, New York 10027**

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:48PM.

II. The agenda was adopted.

III. The minutes were adopted.

**IV: Presentation/Update/Presentation:**

1. Update on: 125 th st Streetscaping project given by: Joanna Gargiula, AVP in EDC's Capital department. The purpose of the project is to improve transportation connectivity, delays and beatification. This is a 2 year project and there have been several issues with the contractor (who filed for bankruptcy) . The project has public space plazas, stone paving, lighting of bridge, lamps, bike racks, benches and trees. EDC agreed to send monthly updates to CB9 board and business regarding progress of the project. Anthony Fletcher requested that the bankruptcy documents are submitted to review and create a plan for completion of the project. BRad Taylor raised the issue of the public toilet which was decided by DUT as a no due to technical difficulties and the historical signage and interpretation of signs.

**V.Reports**

1. Chair's report: included in the package

2. Treasurer report: included in the package

3. District Manager's report: none

4. Committee reports:

- a. Arts and Culture: included in the packet.
- b. Senior issues: included in the packet.
- c. Landmarks Preservation & Parks: included in the packet.
- d. Housing Land Use & Zoning: included in the packet.

- e. Transportation & Uniformed Services: included in the packet
- f. Economic Development: included in the packet.
- g. Youth & Education: College fair at Riverbank State Park was a great turn out.

**VI: Public Session:**

**1. Elected officials:**

- Gail Brewer: data science initiative to prepare students in high school. March 20, 2016 event on Aging of the Brain at the Graduate Center.
- Herman D. Farrell- included in the package
- Danny O'Donnell: 13rd annual reading challenge, 2000 books to donate to public school from the event, budget completed last friday.
- Ieticia James- Ed Sullivan- special needs children in schools issue and pension for people that don't have any
- Alicia Barksdale: board of election application
- Comptroller Scott Stringer: Nina Saxon- Bronx Town Hall meeting on 3/31/16 @ 6:30PM
- Mark Levine: Keisha Smith- zoning bill passed today, changes to have more affordable housing were for low income were suggested.
- DA's office: criminal summons- people with warrants will be taken to arrangement court, younger adults ( ages 18, 19 and 20) to avoid incarcerations. Daniel Stern arrested, fraud Hotline- 212 335 80900.

**2. Public session:**

- Sharon Pope- Bike New York- free education bike classes
- Brad Taylor: Harlem Earth Day on April 19, 2016 from 11-4PM. Brad also shared that he didn't re-apply for the board but will remain involved with the issues that concern him.
- Bemshi S. Jones: noise is keeping people awake at night at 160 Claremont Avenue. Excessive noise attributes to chronic sleepiness.

**VII: Action Item:**

1. Resolution re: Funding requests for 119th st Gatehouse. Vote: 30 yes- unanimous.

**VIII: Old Business:** Formaldehyde update.

**IX: New Business:** none

**X: Adjourn:** on 9:12PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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Secretary