

General Board Meeting
May 21, 2015
Community Board 9 Manhattan
16-18 Old Broadway
New York, New York 10027

The roll was called, we have a quorum at 6:55PM. The motion to adopt the minutes and the agenda was moved and seconded. A presentation was given by Columbia's School for Math, Science and Engineering by Miriam Nightengale, Principal. JI informed the Board that this is the school mentioned in the CBA. MD asked if Columbia could not provide space as an in-kind service for this school. Ms. Nightengale responded that there was an agreement between Columbia and the City that Columbia would provide the land and then City would build the school. The City then sent a letter to Columbia saying they would not build a school and the school was never built. It was the City's decision not to build a school. MD asked why Columbia could not provide the space. The Chair responded that this is something that we should be involved in and ask questions in a letter to Columbia asking about the disposition of the land. Youth and Education can write this letter and keep abreast of the response. BW had questions about criteria and selection process. Test scores, attendance and lateness was the answer. About 200 students take the entrance exam and based on the score, exam, etc. they make sure the distances are balanced and that is the selection process. PJ asked about how many students are meeting the goals set and how the school is meeting requirements set forth in the CBA. Ms. Nightengale responded that she felt the school has achieved goals set forth in the CBA. The Board bid farewell to our Mr. Giovanni of the Borough President's office as this is his last meeting with him. The new person representing the Borough President's office is Diana Howard. We were introduced to our new members: Honorable Deidre McKintosh- Brown, Anthony Carrion, Eric George, Tina Glover, Daria Hardemen, Catherine Merette, Jose Taveras, Fatima Torres. The Chair thanked Mr. Giovanni for his service and wished him the best in all his endeavors. The new members gave a brief summary about themselves. The Chair encouraged new members to pair with someone who has been on the Board previously so that they can get a better understanding of how the Board works and what to do and have a solid foundation.

Assemblyman D. Farrell addressed the Board about what is going on in Albany. Rent stabilization is the primary issue. BW asked about the J-51 bill. Mr. Farrell stated that they are going to let it die.

The District Manager is not here this evening but her report is in the package. The Board will forgo committee reports this evening so that we can hear from the election committee.

The Treasurer's report is in the packet. The Treasurer was asked by Ms. Mack whether Councilman Levine's allocation had any restrictions or was it earmarked for anything specific. The answer was no. The Treasurer mentioned the Senior and Housing Forum to be held tomorrow May 22, 2015. The Chair outlined past years specific use of the discretionary funding. The Chairs report was not in the packet. The Teachers College Community School lost its principal. Principal Breedon suffered a fall and later succumbed to a blood clot in the brain. Members moving on their own was discussed. The members were asked to discuss with Committee Chairs and communicate issues which involve the Board.

represented the Assemblyman; encourage reading, Newsletter coming out soon, Mr. Simon recently got married. Mark Levine's office was represented by Heidi Lopez, May 27th rally for parks, May 28th first info session for community budgeting, June 14th Health and Wellness fair at Riverbank State Park, 350 free bike helmets will be given out, Palante is having a Housing conference June 13th. Honorable Nadler's office Janet Lange spoke. Francisco Polonto from Assemblyman Keith Wright's office; Rent stabilization. Jennifer Herrero from District Attorney Cy Vance's office, Community Partnership unit: focus on immigration fraud, home banking, identity theft, senior scams,

Public Members: Martin Collins - Northern Manhattan Art's Alliance at the Children's Museum 155th st and St. Nicholas Ave. May 29th at 5:00PM. Signe, Barry Multi-Cultural Festival on May 30th, need volunteers, Ms. Dumard - St. Mary's Services, substance abuse clinic, mental health clinic etc., Naomi Goldberg-Hass - Dances for a Variable Population - adults and all ages, June 11-13 performance called 1227; workshops on Saturday mornings. Renee Higensen - letters written encouraging seniors to sell their homes scam. Mr. Nelson 10 week culinary training, Mandala Kitchens. Mr. Sebastian- Friends of the Foundation has lost its funding and will have a rally June 13. Eric McMillan-McCall Project One Voice June 15th at Harlem Hospital performance of "Home". Jonathan Thomas representing Fed Cap working with youth, three tiers to work program also has a SYEP looking for agencies to partner with by hiring and mentoring youth. Mr. Alton St. Nicholas Chess Association needs benches replaced so that people from the community can enjoy backgammon and chess games. It was suggested that he go to the Parks Department Committee to seek help with the situation. Six benches at the dog park why not some for the community. 1439 Amsterdam Avenue (131st street) noise level from Harlem Central Success Academy beginning at 7:30AM. The Chair suggested writing a letter to the school, CT suggested that she attend the 30th pct. Community Council. Referred to JI of Youth, Education and Library committee.

The roll was called. We have a quorum.

Action Item: Reso MCB9 Reaffirming Proposal to Re-zone Morningside Heights

Unanimous in favor (42 - 0 - 0)

Honorable Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough Presidents spoke to the Board congratulating new and older Board members. Deputy Borough Presidents Alvin Morilla, and Diana Howard were welcomed. The BP spoke on her new office at 125th street. This is the first time the office is in a store front and not in a large office building. She offered her new office meeting room to the Board free of charge. Open lectures for new and old members now open to block associations and tenant organizations. Contextual zoning. How you change a neighborhood should take more time and consideration. Slowing down the process of re-zoning. Coming up Postal forum May 27th 173, Fort Washington Avenue, Senior Forum Friday at 155th street, May 27th art forum with principals and arts organizations at 1 Centre Street from 1-4PM, June 15th American Museum of Natural History new and former Board Members. June 8th Children's Aid Society, Community Police relations forum at 130 East 101st street. Using schools in the community more effectively.

Padmore John of the Health and Environment committee related that the mobile children's dental van. They do not go south of 135th street and up to Riverdale. We asked for the schedule so that we could see where they intervene on community board 9 so that we can set up a schedule. They do not assist in getting insurance. We are trying to find out where they typically are, what are the extent of services they provide , how much more we might be able to get them to appear at events. St. Luke's Roosevelt is bringing back its out-patient substance abuse program. We are looking at writing a letter of support for that. St. Luke's is developing a program called DISTRICT. Because of the large amount of fraud they want to have hospitals act like a hub to bring in community based facilities and a variety of services, community health centers, Long term care centers, a continuum of care that begins at the hospital and follows the patient on Medicaid to improve patient's outcome and reduce costs to the hospital. Savings from the program will go back into the hospital. Mr. John has been asked by St. Luke's to be sit on the Committee Advisory Board.

Joel Mentor did not reach a quorum in the Parks and Recreation committee. Wants members to join a partnership for park. CS asked for PEP telephone number because of un-leashed dogs at the 141st portion of the park.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Carole L. Singleton

Public Session

M Collins: Uptown Arts Stroll

Kick off 5/29 at Sugar Hill Arts Museum. Continues through 6/30. See www.artstroll.com for schedule and more info. Distribute poster and art cards.

S. Mortenson & Daria: Northern Manhattan Multicultural Festival

Need volunteers and help spreading the word. On 5/30, meet at 145 and St Nicholas, 5/31 at Riverbank

H Brevard: Opening of primary care clinic for substance abuse and mental health

St. Mary's Center in Harlem is opening a primary care clinic. ; are also opening a substance abuse /mental health clinic. Currently located at 516 W 126. Phone: 212.662.1826.

N Goldberg-Haus: 10027 Dance event

To present a dance event, and encourage the public to perform

Dances for a variable population; will have contributions by senior citizens.

R Higginson: Questionable RE tactics

RE agents tactic in attempting to persuade long time residents to sell Referred to Housing/Land Use Committee

D Nelson: Non-profit Introduction

Mandaka Café and Mandaka Kitchens is a new non-profit organization based in Morningside Heights and W Harlem to provide culinary training for folks who normally would not be able to afford it. Homeless/un/under employed, veterans, folks returning to the community and youth are the target of the program.

A Boatner: Deed scams in Harlem

Shared DNA Info article concerning deed transfer fraud in Harlem.

D Sebastian: Our Childrens Fdn funding rescinded by OASAS.

Distributed a flier on behalf of OCF not being funded after 47 years; located on 125th St. There will be a rally on 6/13 in front of the building.

E. McMillan-McCall: Home/Happy Ending

Home, by Samuel Art Williams is being presented all over the world on June 15 as a staged reading. The Manhattan edition is at Harlem Hospital on 6/15 at 7:00 PM. Cost \$10.00

J Thomas: Promotion of summer internship

I would like to present (on behalf of Fed CAP) the opportunity to host an intern during the summer session. Needs employers to provide training and work for SYEP kids

A Gornila: Park benches for 140th St park

The St. Nicholas Park community would like to have the picnic benches returned to the Park and the so called ban on barbecuing lifted – Referred to the Parks Committee.

T. Sapp: Noise from courtyard from charter school [1439-1453 Amsterdam]

Noise from charter school on 131 Amsterdam and Convent Harlem Success Academy] starts at 7:00 AM and lasts all day Referred to the Uniformed Services/Transportation Committee.

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INITIALS	Roll call	Roll call	Morningside
CA	6:45	8:25	Rezoning
S ABREU	SA		
Q ABREU	QA	P	Y
J ADEWUMI	JAD	P	Y
J ARCHER	JAR	P	Y
A BOATNER	AB	P	Y
D, MCKINTOSH-BROWN	DMB	P	Y
K CAMERON	KC	P	Y
A CARRION	AC	EXCUSED	EXCUSED
D COHEN	DC	P	Y
M DJULA	MD	P	Y
V EDWARDS	VE	P	Y
A FLETCHER	AF	P	Y
S FRANCIS	SF	P	Y
E GEORGE	EG	P	Y
T GLOVER	TG	P	Y
D HARDEMAN	DH	P	Y
L HENRY	LH	P	Y
J INSULL	JJ	P	Y
C JACKSON	CJ		
T JACKSON	TJ		
P JOHN	PJ	P	Y
P JOHNSON	PAJ	P	Y
S JONES	SJ	P	Y
T KOVALEFF	TK	P	Y
P LEWIS	PL	P	Y
G MORGAN-THOMAS	GMT	P	Y
S MORTENSON	SM	6:55	Y
J MENTOR	JM		
C MERETTE	CM		
N OSUAN	NO		Y
M PALMA	MP		Y
A ROBINSON	AR		Y
H ROSEBUD	HR	P	Y
C SINGLETON	CS	P	Y
N SMITH	NS		
W SOUTH	WS		
Y STENNETT	YS	P	Y
B TAYLOR	BT	P	Y
J TAVERAS	JOT		
J THOMAS	JT	P	Y
C THOMPSON	CT	P	Y
S THORPSEN	ST	P	Y
G TINSLEY	GT	P	Y
F TORRES	FT	P	Y
A TYLER	AT	P	Y
M WALLACE	MAW	P	Y
L WALTON	LW	P	Y
B WEINBERG	BW	P	Y
E WELCH	EW	LOA	LOA
M WELLS	MW		Y
F ZEKO	FZ	P	Y
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