

General Board Meeting

November 20, 2014

16-18 OLD Broadway

New York, New York 10027

The meeting was called to order. The minutes and agenda were adopted with corrections. The meeting was chaired by the First Vice Chair Ms. Thompson. The Chair attended the Lights Celebration and the Children's Village. A presentation was given on the 151st Pedestrian Bridge by Tom O'Shea. The engineer, Mini Varghese and the DOT began the presentation. They previously were at the Transportation and Landmarks committee. BM asked who proposed this bridge. Assemblyman Denny Farrell in 1937 which stopped functioning about 40 years ago was the answer by Assemblyman Farrell. Assemblyman Farrell received 10 million dollars for the bridge to be rebuilt. This summer the Governor gave him 20 million for the bridge. Mr. Puello asked the time frame for construction. The construction is supposed to start next year with completion about April 2016. PJ had questions about the closing of the park during construction. The answer was that it will be closed to traffic access for about four months during the winter. JP asked about maintenance. The answer was that the park's department will own the bridge and it will be maintained by city DOT.

The roll was called. We have a quorum. Assemblyman D. Farrell spoke on the groundbreaking of P.S. 186 and the Mother Hale Bus Depot.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10P.M. We welcomed Anthony Fletcher back to the Board.

The Chair's report, treasurers' report and the District Manager's report were included in the packages.

The 151st bridge was added to the voting sheet as number 5. We heard from Mr. O'Donnell's office Mr. Justin Simmons. Some of the items were the 11th annual health fair, as Chair of the Corrections system improvement comments were welcomed. G. Puello from the Borough Presidents office informed the Board of money available for construction budgets, Riverbank state park's mosquito and air quality issues brought by the Board's committee with special recognition to Mr. Padmore and Ms. Abate for their commitment, and community board applications. The Public Advocate's office was represented by Mr. Ed Sullivan. He spoke on the march for rent control, pension plan for non-state or city workers which will be portable. Mr. Brown from Congressman Rangel's office applauded the President's office for his stand on immigration and asked that the Board watch for the President's addressing the issue on television tonight, and on the U.S. service academy with a December 21st deadline, Councilman Levine's office, Fidel will be representing his office speaking on budgeting, Heide Lopez will be the new Director for constituent services, Dr. Spencer and Ebola information sessions, AT wanted clarification on how budgeting delegates were chosen and are they able to vote on projects that they or their colleagues propose. Anyone can apply they are community delegates and the deadline is the 24th, they are looking at another date for a session. The next orientation session will be on December 5th at the district office.

Fidel and Ms. Abate made a trip to Riverbank addressing the water on the highway.
Public Session

Eleanor Lucen - Opening the Harlem Independent Theater the summer of 2015.

Michael Stewart – Petition support for a brownstone at 209 Edgecombe Avenue renovations
(resolution is in the packet)

Boris Baron – Dog park

Corey Ortega – West Harlem 2nd Holiday Toy Drive – Tenants Program January 5th date tentative

Attendance Item regarding Allyson Gordon Browner no response to calls or certified letter, vote to remove Ms. Browner from the Board unanimous at Executive meeting.

8:01 vote was unanimous 29 Number 6 on the voting sheet

Letter of support for the New York African Ensemble 28 yes 1 not entitled

26th pct. Parking 18 yes 9 no 1 abstain

Tenants 640-646 Riverside Drive motion to table 14 yes 11 no 1 abstain

Zoning 209 Edgecombe 28 yes

DOT State Bridge 27 yes 1 no

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted

Carole L. Singleton

Public Session

E Luken – Harlem Independent Theatre [HIT]

E Luken and Mark Blackman will be opening the HIT next in CB9 next year. It will be cinema and event space with a café and bar. We will show your favorite Hollywood films at affordable prices and will showcase film performances and art by local artists. See [www.seekandspark.com/studio/the hit cinema](http://www.seekandspark.com/studio/the-hit-cinema)

Distrib fliers

A Tyler yielded to Michael Stewart: Support for 209 Edgecombe reso

Wants to renovate bldg and extend out in the back so the apts can be larger. Needs support because zoning precludes extending footprint.

B Perune – Supt dogrun at 153 Street

Please consider the need and constituency of 1000+ collected signatures in favor of a dog park at the 153 St / RSD location

