



**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 21, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Hon. Victor Edwards, Chair

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to attention at 6:35 PM.
- Attendance taken at 6:48 PM
- Meeting called to order (Quorum) at 6:53 PM.

II. Adopt Agenda

- Motion to adopt agenda by W. Alexander. Seconded by E. Torres. Agenda adopted. Minutes adopted by the rest of the board members in attendance.

III. Adopt Minutes (06/15/23)

- Motion to adopt the minutes by G. Morgan Thomas. Seconded by B. Weinberg. Minutes adopted by the rest of the board members in attendance.

IV. Reports:

1. Chair..... Hon. Victor Edwards

- Detailed Chair’s report included in the distributed packet.
- Highlights - Covid on the Rise in NYC, Rat Mitigation Pilot Program in our district, CB9 Community Survey (getting input/feedback), Free legal housing advice, “Meeting People where they are” (Community Outreach), MCB9 resource fairs (Spring 2024).
- Monthly Activities - Breakfast with new CU President, 911 Museum event, interviewed by CBS News regarding Rat Mitigation Pilot Program

2. Treasurer..... Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown

- Included in distributed packet
- Currently, we have monthly expenses totaling up to \$750.00 for cleaning services and provider subscriptions.

3. District Manager..... Eutha Prince

- Detailed District Manager’s report included in the distributed packet.
- MCB9 Public Hearing on Tue 10/17 at 630 PM at the District Office
 - Share top 3 issues and fill out survey.
- Covid Vaccines available
- Hamilton Heights Trash Containerization Pilot Program
 - information session on 9/28 at 3 PM.

4. WHDC..... Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson

- Board Meeting on 9/20
- RKO Theater Project

- Advocating for Affordable Housing
 - Express gratitude for resolution for 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
 - Resolution for West Harlem Arts Alliance Performance Space for CB9 Community
5. UMEZ..... Hon. Rev. Georgette Morgan-Thomas
- Their next meeting on 9/28.
 - They met during the summer.
 - Should have the number of loans that will be available.
 - They got additional federal funding.
 - Make sure that MCB9 businesses are aware.
6. 125th Street BID..... Hon. Ken Miles
- Not present at the time to give report
7. Manhattan Borough President's Office
- Back to school resource fairs
 - Covid Vaccine sites
 - Covid Test Kits available
 - Immigration know your rights fair

V. **Public Session/Public Hearing:**

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- Department of Sanitation (David Greg) - Update on Trash Containerization Pilot
 - an information session will be held next week.
 - Disappointment about the engagement of the rollout. Public was not notified in a timely manner.
- A lot of people have signed up for the public session.
 - Mr. Duval - works at the school on 134th Street and Broadway and thinks the pilot at the schools
 - Corey Ortega (Assembly District Leader) - just took oath of office. He would like to express that we (as a community) need to give the pilot a shot.
 - Carl Mahanie - in favor of the pilot program
 - Neighbors for a Greener Harlem - Team Up 2 Clean Up Harlem event in October
 - WeACT - strong support of the pilot containerization project. Would like DSNY to provide the community a forum to provide feedback on the program.
 - Eric Schultz from 320 Riverside Drive (104th St) - in favor of the pilot program
 - Leila Rojo - in favor of the pilot program.
 - Joyce Bialik (NYC Sanitation Equity Coalition) - Northern Manhattan has less services than the rest of the island. In favor of the pilot program. Ask that all containers be updated to “all waste streams” containers to promote recycling and composting
 - Michael Henry Adams (Historian) - worked with Sen. Perkins. Bringing to attention the issue of demolition of historical row houses on 142nd Street between Broadway and Riverside Drive. Rent control apartments should not be torn down. Affordable housing should be increased.
 - Anna Montes (Hamilton Heights) - gratitude for the trash containers. Sidewalks are clean.
 - Shannon Waskow (Upper West Side) - in favor of the pilot program.
 - Ty Jones - thankful for the pilot program and community leadership

- Esther Yoon (Hamilton Heights) - in favor of the pilot program, we need to reduce food waste
- Kate Itzkowitz (lives across PS 36) - in full support of trash containers
- Katie Hanner (Morn. Heights) - in full support of trash containers, does not think pilot is perfect but can be tweaked. Need to focus on reducing waste to curb climate change
- Carlos Santiago (East Harlem) - Citizens Committee for NYC - gives micro grants to small businesses. Supports containerization efforts. Applications open in November. Email grants@citizensnyc.org They fund block associations.
- Quenia Abreu - Chamber of Commerce - in favor of the trash containerization program, hopes it gets rolled out to the rest of the city.

2. Elected Officials

- Mirian Hernandez (Assemblyman Danny O'Donnell's Office)
 - Trash bins give away. Have not received bins yet.
 - Shredding event (88th St. between Columbus and Amsterdam) on 10/28 at 11 AM
 - Elevator installation project - will reconvene in October
 - Working on several bills to protect tenants.
 - Scaffolding issues have been brought up to their office
 - 111th Street and Broadway
 - Trash issues on Broadway between 110th and 125th Street - working with Sanitation to clean the streets. Funding organizations to remove trash.
- Zoya Abbas (Assemblyman Al Taylor's Office)
 - Listening tours in October
 - Riverbank State Park Skating Event
- Joselinne Minaya (DANY Office)
 - Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October
 - Brides March on 9/25
 - National Day of Remembrance on 9/26 for victims of violence
 - October 19th - wear purple to raise awareness
- Gabriela Carela (CM Abreu Office)
 - Free Mammograms - mobile van
 - \$10.3 million for Morningside Park
 - \$5 million for PS 125 pool
 - \$3 million for Frederick Douglas Playgrounds
 - \$650K for NYCHA
 - \$300K for Hamilton Grange Library
 - Introduced bills - for electronic payments for tenants & allowing reusable water bottles and public and sporting events
 - Nonprofits looking for funding should contact Jalissa Quigley

VI. Action Items:

1. Ratification of LOS re: New York Women's Chamber of Commerce (NYWCC)
 - Presented by Chair Edwards. Approved by the Executive Board on 9/14 and approved by unanimous consent during the General Board Meeting (L. Henry votes present not entitled). No objections given.

2. Ratification of Reso re: Proposed Demolition at 1727 Amsterdam Ave.
 - Presented by Vice Chair Weinberg. Approved by the Executive Board on 9/14 and approved by unanimous consent by the general board. No objections given.
3. Ratification of Reso re: Proposed Demolition at 635-639 West 142nd Street
 - Presented by Liz Waytkus. Unanimous consent was not given. Members present had to vote. 32 Yes, 1 No, 1 Abstention. Ratification of Reso passes.
4. Reso re: NYC Municipal Retirees NYC Council Int. Bill 1099
 - Presented by Chair Edwards. Approved by the Executive Board on 9/14 and approved by unanimous consent by the general board. No objections given.
5. LOS re: Hungarian Pastry Shop
 - Presented by Heather Jason. Approved by the Executive Board on 9/14 and approved by unanimous consent by the general board. No objections given.

Liquor License New Application(s) & Retail Permits:

6. Reso re: Bessie's Place, LLC, located at 458 W. 145th Street, NYC 10031
7. Reso re: Blessed Bar & Kitchen, located at 3496 Broadway, NYC 10031
8. Reso re: LaFlor De Broadway, located at 3395 Broadway, NYC 10031
9. Reso re: Massawa Foods, LLC, located at 3153 Broadway, NYC 10027
 - The applications above were approved by the Executive Board on 9/14 and approved by unanimous consent during the General Board Meeting (H. Jason abstains). No objections given.

Liquor License Renewal(s):

10. Reso re: Jin Ramen Corp., located at 3138 Broadway, NYC 10027
11. Reso re: El Porton Bar & Restaurant Corp., located at 3131 Broadway, NYC 10027
12. Reso re: Bus Stop Diner, located at 3341 Broadway, NYC10031
 - The applications above were approved by the Executive Board on 9/14 and approved by unanimous consent during the General Board Meeting (H. Jason abstains). No objections given.

VII. Old Business

- No old business presented at this time.

VIII. New Business

- Change Senior Issues Committee to Senior Action Committee
 - i. Approved by unanimous consent by General Board
- Review Budget Documents - begin thinking about what needs to be funded
- Very important that we have in-person attendance

IX. Adjourn

- Move to adjourn at 8:57 PM

Please Note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 19th, 2023