

Minutes of the Manhattan Community Board 9 SGL/LGBTQ Task Force

Monday, June 20th, 2016

6:30pm

Broadway Housing Communities- 583 Riverside Drive at W 135th Street

Chair: Hon. Barry J. Weinberg

Attendees: Sara Anderson, Melissa Faye, Keesha Gaskins, Rabbi Cynthia Green Esq. (V'ohr Israel Congregation), John Martin Green (The SGL/LGBTQ Coalition), George Jordan, Mariah Lopez (Strategic Trans Alliance for Radical Reform), Richard Pelzer (Global Network of Black Pride), Javier Sanchez, Brandon Timmons, Barry Weinberg (CB9 member, Chair)

- I. **Call to Order-** 6:47pm
- II. **Introductions-** Introductions were given.
- III. **New Business**
 - a. Planning for CB9's Statement of District Needs- The bulk of the meeting was spent discussing SGL/LGBTQ-specific additions to the Community Boards District Needs Statement, the document that indicates to City agencies areas of need for expense and capital budgeting. Issues discussed included an anti-crystal meth campaign, community-based emergency housing and DHS referrals, NYPD cultural competency training for LGBTQ issues, and many more. The full draft of the document to be submitted to the Executive Committee on Tuesday, June 28th can be found at https://docs.google.com/document/d/19Jv0bSaSkYLo64DPWF3TuUfLV1qyR5ua6S4Qh7_lwP0/edit.
 - b. Statue to honor victims of Dr. J. Marion Sims- Central Park holds a statue of J. Marion Sims, notorious for excruciating and often lethal gynecological experiments on enslaved women and children. It was proposed that a campaign be started to honor the victims of his experiments.
 - c. SGL/LGBTQ comprehensive sex ed- Keesha Gaskins brought up the issue that many SGL/LGBTQ individuals, and particularly trans and lesbian individuals, are not offered identity-affirming, relevant, and accurate sex education. The issue was added to the list for the district needs statement, but there was discussion of a broader campaign to bring better sex ed to the City as a whole.
 - d. Honoring Orlando- The possibility of holding a fundraiser for the victims of the Orlando mass murder was discussed. It was decided that the community's focus should be on honoring the victims of Orlando and recognizing their struggle and the violence faced by the SGL/LGBTQ community in our own neighborhoods.
- IV. **Announcements**
 - a. Harlem Pride will take place on June 25th from 12pm to 6pm in Jackie Robinson Park
 - b. Trans Day of Action will be held Thursday, June 24th from 2-5pm at the Christopher Street Piers. Reach out to Mariah Lopez for more details.

- c. Schools and Teaching Artists Expo- CB9's Arts and Culture Committee is hosting an expo for teaching artists and school principals and administrators on June 25th at the Sugar Hill Children's Museum from 10am-4pm. The expo will immediately be followed by an Artists Meet & Greet and the launch of CB9's online Artists Directory

V. **Adjourned- 8:43pm**