Chair Report
March, 2019
General Board Meeting

Women’s History Month
We recognize Women’s History Month. There are phenomenal women all around us. They are our mothers, our wives, sisters, daughters, nieces friend, supervisors, business owners, elected officials, business executives, teachers, construction workers, and the lists goes on. They are our she-roses, our moral compasses, our inspiration and the driving force to so much that makes our neighborhood, community and country so great. As such CB9 officially recognizes all the great women, known and unknown, those that sacrifice so much for their families and their communities, and continue to offer leadership and direction to improve the overall lives of every individual. Thank you!

Manhattan Community Board Meeting with Charter Revision Commission Chair and Staff
Please see this note from the BP’s office. This is especially crucial of its impact on community boards, so please participate as you may.

In part due to a shortening of our Charter Revision Commission’s timeline in the wake of recent Albany legislation, the Commission will move from its series of expert panels to consideration and public hearings on a preliminary report in late April and May. The preliminary report would probably be released in mid-April and another set of borough hearings would be held in late April and May to solicit input on the preliminary recommendations contained in the report (tentative public hearing dates: April 30, May 2, May 7, May 9, and May 14.)

However, we recognize that some of the Manhattan Community Boards have been meeting and working on proposals for the Commission to consider and wanted to give you the opportunity to present and/or discuss those proposals with the Commission Chair, Gail Benjamin and Charter Commission Staff, prior to the drafting of our preliminary report.

So we are hosting a meeting for Manhattan Community Boards on Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the offices of the Charter Revision Commission at 250 Broadway, 26th Floor in Manhattan (across the street from City Hall). I encourage those chairs of community boards which have been discussing Charter revision proposals to attend and/or send a representative.

In addition, just a reminder that TONIGHT, MARCH 21, 2019 AT 6:00 PM AT CITY HALL THE COMMISSION WILL BE HEARING FROM LAND USE EXPERTS ON ULURP AND COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING.
Small Business Taskforce

I have had the opportunity of participating with the Borough President’s (BP) Small Business Taskforce, which is tasked with improving the landscape in Manhattan for Small Businesses. From increasing patronization, addressing rent and lease increases and renewals, decreasing the number of vacant storefronts and ensuring the viability of new and ongoing business. As such there are a litany of movement around this in City Council that the taskforce and the BP is paying close attention to. I have listed these below and encourage you to closely read and follow as these move through congress.

Int 1049-2018
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of small business services to assess the state of storefront businesses

Int 1408-2019
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing an affordable retail space requirement at city financially assisted development projects

Int 1466-2019
A Local Law in relation to the creation of a regulatory review panel to review provisions of the administrative code of the city of New York, the rules of the city of New York, the New York city health code, the New York city construction codes and state law and recommend cure periods for violations of certain provisions

Int 1467-2019
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the compilation and online publication of a list of all city laws and rules that apply to small Businesses

Int 1470-2019
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to providing legal services to small business owners facing eviction proceedings

Int 1471-2019
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of small business services to offer certain business assistance

Int 1473-2019
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the registration of vacant storefront property

Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Outpatient Physical and Occupational Therapy Clinics Closing

Please see the document below as to changes that Mt. Sinai St. Luke’s will be making as to their services delivery at
March 6, 2019

Padmore John, Chair
Manhattan Community Board 9
16 Old Broadway
New York, NY 10027

Dear Mr. John:

I am writing to notify Community Board 9 of the upcoming closure of the Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Outpatient Physical and Occupational Therapy Clinics, located on the 6th floor of the Science and Research Building. They will be closed, effective Friday, March 29, 2019. This space will be used to expand Cancer Services at this location.

Patients will be referred to other community providers (see attached list) and at the Mount Sinai Health System sites listed below:

Mount Sinai Hospital Outpatient Physical & Occupational Therapy
5-17 East 102nd Street
New York, NY 10029
(1.7 miles away)

Phone: 212-241-4477

Mount Sinai Downtown Union Square Physical and Occupational Therapy Outpatient Services
10 Union Square East 5th Floor
New York, NY 10003
(5.4 miles away)

Phone: 212-844-5740

We are working with the New York State Department of Health to assure a smooth transition of patients. Additionally, we anticipate that the Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Outpatient Dental Clinic will be closing at the end of March 2019.

A copy of the Patient Letter and the Community Services Providers Contact List that will be mailed to all patients, are attached.

I look forward to working with you during this transitional period. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

MBA,
President, Mount Sinai St. Luke’s Hospital

cc: Eutha Prince, District Manager Community Board 9