

ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES FOR Dec 4, 2023

Committee Members:

Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Recorded Minutes
Co-Chair Hon. Daria Hardeman	x			
Co-Chair Hon. Tina Lumley	x			
Hon. Walter T. Alexander		x		
Hon. Juan Colmenares			x	
Hon. Sharon De La Cruz			x	x
Hon. Carlton Davis	x			
Hon. Tiago Kiel		x		
Hon. Ilana Mercado			x	
Hon. Carolina Ramirez		x		

I- Call to Order @6:35pm

II- Adopted Agenda

III- Minutes not available

IV- Meeting Attendee Introductions

V- Announcements

- o What we do and who we are:
 - o We are a quasi-city agency
 - o Manhattan Community Board 9: We are comprised of 50 residents, interviewed and appointed by the borough President and the city council.
 - o We advocate for artists. We advocate for art and artists in our community and also connect artists and art organizations.
- o Contact Information:
 - o Tina Lumley – tlumley@hotmail.com
 - o Daria Hardeman - dariadaria@yahoo.com
 - cb9arts@yahoo.com

VI- Committee Reports:

- Hamilton Theater- tabled
- Strategic Planning Committee- Sharon will be attending in December.
- Harlem Arts Alliance- tabled
- West Harlem Arts Alliance- founders online
 - o Micheal Palma - ED
 - o End of Year report- will be sent to Daria and Tina at the end of the month. Can present next month.
 - o Convenings- Academy of Arts and Letter and Sugar Hill
 - o Sign up as sponsors with various organizations.
 - Jazz Festival at Montifere Park
 - COTA Alliance- 13-woman show, A Celebration of Light, A Celebration of Humanity (Dec 13, 14)- Show flyers will be sent to the board.

- New website- Artist Directory, whereby artists can list themselves. Free service
- Tuesday Giving event- micro-grants (\$500) for small projects that happen and occur in West Harlem.
 - Sponsor- Hamilton Grange Library photography show, COTA Alliance's Q&A 13-woman show

VI- Community Board Updates:

1. NOMA- Northern Manhattan Arts Alliances- Anthony Rojas
 - a. 4 studio spaces- membership fee and you get access to the core studios at a discounted rate
 - b. Just announced 400 square ft photography studio- to the heights
 - i. artists can rent the studio at a cheap hourly rate
 - c. Holiday Party
2. Children Arts Carnival- Michael Unthank
 - a. Hamilton Terrace
 - b. Targeting West Harlem artists, artist workspace programs, exhibition programs, community workshops, and professional development.
 - c. West Harlem Development Corporation- Artist and Audiences-
 - d. Upcoming- Artist holiday sale @ the Carnival, Exhibition program "Homecoming"- group show of studio artists (running until the tenth of Jan)
 - e. Developed a relationship with the Robert Blackburn Printmaking workshop for a print-making pilot program.
3. Trinity Church Cemetary (Maxine and Dan)
 - a. Announce the 200th anniversary of "The Night Before Christmas" poem. The Church of Intersession will host an event. There will be a candlelight procession to Clement Clarke Moore's grave and a celebration outside.
4. Harlem Opera Theater
 - a. Arts Center in NJ- Tribute to WC Henley.

Presentations:

1. National Jazz Museum in Harlem -Ryan Maloney
 - a. Screenings
 - b. Via West Harlem Development fund- in collaboration with West Harlem Jazz initiative, bringing live music and education to the community.
 - i. 15 different schools, 7 workshops (All programs are free) preK-high school
 - ii. The concert component will start in February. Warmer weather more public engagement in NYC parks.
 - iii. International Jazz Day- April 30th (Annual concert)- STILL LOOKING FOR VENUE

- iv. Juneteenth activations, big show Jackie Robinson Park
 - v. Free rehearsal space- reach out
- 2. Jazz Power Initiatives, Janny Gonzalez Velasquez, Senior Director of Business Affairs
 - a. 2003, Jazz art and education
 - b. An ode to Eddie Palmerie, 4-6 pm @ National Jazz Museum in Harlem.
 - c. 2nd annual concert “We Got That Swing” with Harlem School of the Arts
- 3. Epic Theater Ensemble- Melissa Friedman, Co-Founder and Co-Artistic Director
 - a. West Harlem Dev Corp- The Urban Assembly School for the Performing Arts (15 years)
 - i. 9th graders, analyzing classic plays, and using their voice as play writers and performers. 100 9th graders, in English classes, embedding in the curriculum.
- 4. Jose Limon Institute (<https://www.limon.nyc/>)- West Harlem Dev Corp funding
 - a. Dance education, Dance research, ages 3- the aging population
 - b. cb9- serving 6 schools
 - c. Spring 2023- Studio showings, watch professional company rehearse, and Q&A
 - i. Jobs in the field
 - ii. Formal performances
 - d. Gala performance- William Linch
 - e. Fall 2023
 - i. Limon For Kids - pre-k- h.s.
- 5. Harlem Media Group, Paul Phillips
 - a. “What’s Eating Harlem” TV show (10th anniversary)- covering restaurants in CB9. CLAY and The Edge, Dinosaur Restaurant, Panda, Harlem School of The Arts, Children’s Museum.
 - b. NYC Life TV, whatseatingharlem.com
 - c. Within the bounds of 155th- 110th
- 6. The Getaway (in partnership with the Parks Department), David Shargani
 - a. 151 and Riverside- Pop-up venues starting in April 2024
 - b. <https://getaway151.com/> (Before the Riverside Park Bridge)
 - c. December 15, 16th event at the Getaway.

V11- Old Business

- 1. Columbia Community Arts Space
 - a. CBA- 5000 square feet that was promised to this community
 - b. Wrote a resolution-
 - i. West Harlem Arts Alliance to be the stewards of this space.
 - ii. We want to create guidelines and suggestions for how we think the space should be used.
 - 1. a media suite, a black box theater, a sprung floor for dance, a music room, ceramics, and soundproof rooms.

2. (from Tina?) Display showcase for artists in the community, for visual arts display
 - a. Speaking to Columbia about the forum
 - b. Restaurants in the area
 - c. Studio Museum
 - d. Barnard
 - e. Boricua College
 - f. Hamilton Grange

VIII- New business

1. No new business

MOTION TO CLOSE. 8:55 pm