

Manhattan Community Board 9 Arts and Culture Committee Meeting

Monday, 04 January, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

Co-Chair: Hon. Harriet Rosebud
Co Chair: Hon. Daria Hardman
Hon. Walter Alexander
Hon. Anita Cheng (absent)
Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero (absent)
Hon. Tina Lumley
Hon. Ilana Mercado
Hon. Jonathan Sinagub (prepared minutes)

CB 9 Board members:

Attendees:

Martin Collins - Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA)
Gregory Shanck – City College Center for the Arts
Yuiem Chin – Harlem One Stop

Location: via Zoom

Meeting called to Order: 6:34 PM

Adopt Agenda:

1. Hon. Daria Hardman requested that the Film & Television Committee regularly update the Arts and Culture Committee on the issues related to Film & Television in CB9
2. Unanimously Adopted

Adopt Meeting Minutes: differed

Presentations/Discussions:

1. Martin Collins - Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA) The **Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance** (NoMAA) is a non-profit arts service organization whose mission is to cultivate, support and promote the works of artists and arts organizations in northern Manhattan.
 - a. Teaching Artist Project open house Wednesday, January 6th from 6-7pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tap-open-house-tickets-133719290999>
 - b. The Children's Art Carnival & CentroCivicoCD seek local artists residing in Community Board 9 in West Harlem & the surrounding community for a new exhibition series that will also feature artist talks & virtual studio visits. Deadline January 15th. Apply online at rb.gy/kbmgvh

- c. See www.nomaanyc.org for NoMAA's weekly newsletter published on Tuesday for artists opportunities, events and more uptown!
2. Hon. Ilana Mercado reported that she presented testimony to the City Council to amend NYC Fire Code to in response to the death of Lt. Davidson who lost his life on a film set that was using pyrotechnics.
 - a. Hon. Ilana Mercado testified that any film crew using flammables, such as pyrotechnics provide a liaison and blueprints of the location prior to filming.
 - b. Because of her hectic schedule the Hon. Ilana Mercado cannot commit to presenting regularly at the Arts & Culture Committee meetings. Hon. Daria Hardman will follow up with the CB-9 Chair, B. Weinberg.
3. Gregory Shanck, City College Center for the Arts, stated that the Center is closed and will have virtual presentations and hopes to open in the Fall.

Old Business:

1. Artists Speaks – Need to coordinate with Cathleen Campbell on proceeding with the filming of the artists.
 - a. If Cathleen Campbell is over committed and cannot move forward with the project, then the Committee will need to look for other options to produce the project.
 - b. It was suggested by Gregory Shanck that the West Harlem Artists may make for a good 2 minute news story, a tickler on local networks.

New Business:

1. The creation of the “West Harlem Arts Alliance” was approved by the board members at the last meeting and a Resolution is being drafted outlining the need for a dedicated arts organization in West Harlem, CB-9.
 - a. Statistics showing the need for such an arts organization need to be provided as part of the resolution.
 - i. In part, the resolution should demonstrate how CB-9 artists are losing out on funds that are going to art organizations in Central Harlem.
 - ii. The resolution should demonstrate the resources that are available are not going to CB-9 artists because there is no organization like, NoMAA, to oversee and manage the resources artists need.
 - iii. Facts need to be ascertained to support the resolution: committee members will contact NoMAA and WHDC to obtain any pertinent facts related to art funding in West Harlem.
 - iv. It was reported that Harlem One Stop did not get funding in 2020, because of the pandemic; in 2019 they received a capacity grant, which they leveraged to create an administrative position, for programming they received funds from NYCDOT or their partners.
2. Hon. Daria Hardman asked if anyone new of some organization that needed costumes. One suggestion was to contact Material for the Arts.

Next Meeting Scheduled for first Monday in February 2021, 02/01, at 6:30 PM. Location TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 PM