

ARTS AND CULTURE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 3, 2022

Harriet Rosebud and Daria Hardeman, Co-Chairs; Tina Lumley, Anita Cheng, Walter T. Alexander; Jonathan Sinaglub, Ilana Mercado, Gabe Morales-Committee Members; Ty Jones, Martin Collins, Stephanie Berry, Shante Skylers, Yuien Chin, John Martin-Green, Diane Wilson, Hannah Bailenson, Janny Gonzalez, Michael Palma, Dan Cohen, Earl Weathers, Brandy Hayward, Kamaria Buchanan, Curt Stewart, Victor Edwards, Zead Ramadan

I-Call to Order @6:33pm

II-Adopted Agenda

III-Adopted Minutes (none)

IV-Agenda

A-Victor Edwards will discuss the Agreement between Columbia University and Community Board 9 (legal agreement contract) at our next monthly meeting

B-Official Arts & Culture email address is: cb9_arts@yahoo.com.

V-Arts Information Dissemination (AID)-Victoria Benitez, Tina Lumley, Walter T Alexander

A-No meeting held in December-update will be provided next monthly meeting

VI-Harlem Arts Alliance Update-whaanyc.org

A-Board Members: Victoria Benitez, Michael Palma, Michael Uptank. Organization is now non-profit status 501-C3. They are establishing their three year programming objectives

VII-RKO Hamilton

A-Enthusiastic reception at last General Board meeting where the resolution was approved unanimously by the Board. So far, the Harlem Opera and the Classical Theater of Harlem will be anchors.

B-Phase I-bringing in architects for the project, and talking to WHDC

C-Timeline-funding for restoration (4-5 years), possible smaller theater, tower, and office spaces, contact Askenazy for input, and seeking various governmental support

VIII-NoMAA (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance)

A-Arts Stroll Poster Contest deadline March 27, 2022. Prizes- \$1250, \$500, and \$250. All artists can participate

IX-National Dance Institute

A-They are meeting in person. There is a new executive director. They have rehearsal space at 147th Street and Fred Douglas Blvd, and it is for rentals as well.

X-Blackberry Productions

A-Take police policy issues and creates theater to plant the seed for change in the community. There are ongoing workshops with police officers involved as well.

B-Prayers for Allison Williams (jazz artist) who is very ill, and Ms. Sylvia Hamlin who has passed.

XI-Jazz Power Initiative-Janny Gonzalez

A-National Jazz Museum, and intergenerational jam sessions and music education for youth development. They are seeking suggestions for their first concert: Riverbank State Park, Jazzmobile, National Dance Institute, Brother/Sister Sol, Marcus Garvey and Jackie Robinson Parks, HSA Theater, and Columbia's Arts Building were suggestions made.

XII-Sisters in Shanqui-Brandy Hayward

A-North African Dance Troop (north of the Saharan Desert)

B-Harlem HAFLA (harlemhafla.com) July 2, 2022

C-Dancers-50% are from West Harlem-emphasis on sensuality rather than sexuality

XII-Gatekeeper's Collective-John Martin-Green

A-Resiliencing and enhancing wellness for GLBTQ Men

B-8 SGL young artists (visual/theatrical) partnering with SGL elders to produce four one-act shows

C-Funded by WHDC

Old Business-none

New Business

Harlem Jazz Festival needs a committee member liaison-open

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm. Next meeting is February 7, 2022 via zoom.