

**Manhattan Community Board 9
Arts and Culture Committee Meeting**
Monday, May 4, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members:

Co-Chair: Hon. Harriet Rosebud
Co Chair: Hon. Daria Hardman
Hon. Walter Alexander
Hon. Anita Cheng
Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero,
Hon. Ilana Mercado (not present)
Hon. Jonathan Sinagub (prepared notes)

CN 9 Chair: Hon. Barry Weinberg

Guest Speakers:

Congressman Adriano Espaillat
Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer
City Council Member Mark Levine

Location: via Zoom

Meeting called to Order: 6:35 PM

Adopt Agenda: waived

Adopt Meeting Minutes: waived

Presentations/Discussions: none

Old Business:

1. Waived

New Business:

A discussion with our elected officials on the economic impact of Covid-19 on the Artist Community and the economic stimulus package designed to help Independent Artists, Organizations and Small Businesses.

1. Hon. Harriet Rosebud opening remarks –

- a. What and where are we now? What is earmarked for artists? Individual artists need to be included in the conversation.
 - b. What funding sources and support does the Small Business Administration provide?
 - c. What are other sources for support for small businesses and individual artists?
 - d. What sources are there for individual artists, gig workers and freelancers?
 - e. What can community leaders and politicians need to do to reach out to Artists to facilitate the support process through available grants?
 - f. For Gig Workers, displaced from their job- Can they apply for unemployment benefits? Have the rules changed? What are the options to support Gig Workers?
 - g. A major issue is “rent”. What actions are being taken to help Gig Workers and Artists to pay or defer rent?
2. Congressman Adriano Espaillat comments-
 - a. First tranche of stimulus money was a disaster.
 - b. Second tranche \$60 million did much better if administered through community banks such as Carver and Ponce.
 - c. In the Hamilton Heights and Columbia area some 200 businesses received grants/loans.
 - d. NIH – \$1 million grants earmarked for arts organizations.

Next Meeting Scheduled for Monday, June 1st 2020 at 6:30 PM. Location TBD

Meeting Adjourned: approximately 8:08