

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE  
MINUTES of September 12, 2022**

Committee Members:

\*new member

Member	Present	Absent	Excused	Recorded Minutes
Co-Chair Hon. Daria Hardeman	X			
Co-Chair Hon. Jonathan Sinagub	X			x
Hon. Walter T. Alexander	X			
Hon. Victoria Benitez		X		
Juan Colmenares*		X		
Carlton Davis*	X			
Hon. Alex Hunter		X		
Hon. Tina Lumley	X			
Hon. Ilana Mercado	X			
Hon. Carolina Ramirez*		X		
Hon. Patricia Ramos*		X	x	

**Attendees:**

- Martin Collins, Uptown Arts Stroll Coordinator, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA), 4120 Broadway, New York, Ny, 10033, [artstroll@nomaanyc.org](mailto:artstroll@nomaanyc.org), 212 567-4394, 111.nomaanyc.org
- Isabella Druckman

**I. Call to Attention @ 6:35, Call to Order @ 7:14: pm**

**II. Adopted Agenda**

- Moved to amend Agenda by: Hon. Walter T. Alexander
- Seconded to amend Agenda by: Jonathan Sinagub
- Adopted Amended Agenda (attached)
  - Moved by: Hon. Hon. Walter T. Alexander
  - Seconded by: Hon. Jonathan Sinagub

**III. Adopted Minutes (none)**

**IV. Introductions**

- Welcome instruction to new co-chair Hon. Jonathan Sinagub
- Welcome introduction to new member Hon. Carlton Davis

**V. Announcements (none)**

- Martin Collins – NOMAA – #TheGramUptown Virtual/Visceral is a social media-sourced photography exhibition, featuring the best Uptown photographers on IG and highlighting the beauty, history and vibrancy of Uptown Manhattan. Produced by the Uptown Collective and the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, the exhibition will be on view in NoMAA’s Gallery @4140 from October 6, 2022 to the end of December 2022. Please see this link for more information in our current newsletter. <https://www.nomaanyc.org/newsletter>
- Please see the link below for more information about NoMAA programs <https://www.nomaanyc.org>

**VI. Committee Reports**

- **Harlem Arts Alliance Update-** <https://www.whaanyc.org>  
 Hon. Jonathan Sinagub, Liaison, CB9 members\_Hon. Victoria Benitez\_Hon. Michael Palma  
 From a Telephone Conversation w/ Michael Palma today:
  1. He stated that they have formed a board of directors (list attached)
  2. He sent, via email, an announcement and invitation to meet, Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at the Audubon Ballroom, the commissioner of Cultural affairs to discuss the needs for the arts in Harlem
  3. They are in the process of obtaining the necessary state and federal listing for a 501.c.3

4. He is negotiating for space and a staff person (with whom he did not say) - we did speak about WHDC willingness to fund WHAA.
  - a. I asked if WHAA needs a letter of support for expenses. He said he did not think so.
  - b. I also mention that the CB agreement may provide provisions to fund WHAA office and staff.
5. He inquired about the data base that was created years ago - where is it? I said I will try again to find it.
  - a. We discussed the difficulty of obtaining info on individual artists. We will try to work together to pull together a data base of artists and art organizations.
6. We spoke about short term goals (this year) for the organization.

Comments:

- In the June committee meeting it was recollected that there was a discussion about having a CB 9 member on the Board (other than Victoria Benitez); something similar to a CB 9 member(s) on the WHDC Board.
  - Committee members voiced a need for better and more information and communication; and that it was difficult getting information
- **Arts Information Dissemination (AID)-** Renamed “Aid for Artists” (AfD)  
Hon. Tina Lumley, Hon. Walter T Alexander:
    - Contacted (Jen Beezer from the Manhattan Arts Alliance – Please clarify contact and organization) to try to augment the list of artists in West Harlem
    - Challenges to developing a data base of artists-
      - Obtain information to help artists
      - 21st century methods of outreach, networking, and methods to disseminate information: Instagram and other such social media platforms: could CB 9 create a Facebook page
      - Is it possible to fund these initiatives using funds designated by the Community Benefits Agreement
  - **RKO Hamilton**  
Liaison position unoccupied

**VII-Community Updates (none)**

**VIII-Presentations (none)**

**IX. Old Business** (Tabled to next meeting):

- Community Benefits Agreement review/goals conversation
  - Question: Should there be a CBA sub-committee?
  - For next month think about goals for this committee for the year & the upcoming Budget requests
- Budget discussions

**X. New Business** (Tabled to next meeting):

- Committee Secretary Appointment
- RKO Task Force Liaison Appointment

**XI. Adjourn:** at 7:21 pm.

Attach. ; Amended Agenda & WHAA Board of Directors List

**Note: Next meeting will be held on Monday, October 3rd, 2022, via zoom.  
Arts & Culture Committee meetings are held on the first Monday of each month**

