

**Manhattan Community Board 9  
Executive Committee  
April 9, 2020**

Meeting held via Zoom due to ongoing pandemic.

Meeting called to order at 6:38pm. Agenda is adopted.

Motion to postpone adoption of minutes adopted.

**Presentations**

Carol Antunez and Lauren Vriens, Revel

Electric moped company started in Brooklyn. Started in 2018. Move slowly to test program and get feedback from community. Street legal: requires license to drive (21+) and has license plate. Electric, rides with traffic, parks between cars, max speed 29mph. \$1 to unlock, \$0.31/minute. Helmets (provided) required. App based. Full charge has 65 miles of range.

Access program: 40% discount to NYCHA residents and those on public assistance. Free for healthcare workers during pandemic. Expanded service area to be near hospitals in Brooklyn, Queens, and Manhattan, including CB9. Must start or end ride within zone.

Goal to be good community partner and local employer (200+ employees with full benefits). Apart from quarantine, offer trainings/lessons at regular times and locations.

Not asking for dedicated parking spaces. Users are to park in legal spaces perpendicular to curb, rear wheel to curb. Rides covered by third party liability, built into cost.

**Budget discussion**

Chair:

\$1.3B in cuts expected off of Mayor's proposed January budget. A big chunk from DOE (PD, after school, enrichment).

SYEP cancellation announced by DYCD. Important source of income and job experience for youth. Parallel WHDC program would mitigate effect in our neighborhood but WHDC hasn't not yet announced plans.

Need to push back on cuts that will most affect vulnerable in our community including youth and seniors.

Comptroller forecasting \$6B loss over calendar year. Prepare to talk to agency contacts and OMB to understand planned cuts and how those will affect programs in our community and push back on most painful cuts to find alternatives.

DM:

CBs have to absorb \$4K in FY20 and \$8.7K in FY21, which board can absorb because office is technically understaffed. City is under hiring freeze.

Anthony Carrion suggested writing a letter/resolution to request additional funds from next federal relief package to offset program cuts. Ted Kovaleff moves, April Tyler seconds, that chair transmit this letter to Reps Nadler and Espaillat and Sens Schumer and Gillibrand.

### **Chair's Report**

Lot of new technology to figure out. Grateful to consultant Kim Nugent and MBPO for help with Zoom and thanks to office staff for moving operations online. Thanks to chairs for doing wellness checks on CB9 members, and Anthony Fletcher and Martin Wallace from senior issues for checking on local seniors.

CB work still essential. Important to keep in touch and moving forward on our priorities. Acknowledge healthcare workers including our own Edwin Torres.

On a personal note, many members have been sick, and CB9's Walter South passed away a week ago. Important to take time to connect with each other and build relationships.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Largely no expenditures. Committee outreach work that had been allocated (from Councilmember funds) still can be used in some other manner to do some outreach online. Question of how to get resources like PPE to most in need, and how to pay prospective vendors.

There was a prolonged discussion about protective masks and their effectiveness.

### **DM's Report**

Operating remotely since 3/26. Chaired district cabinet meeting via Zoom yesterday, though FDNY and NYPD were absent. Voting in elections in June can happen via absentee ballot.

HRA: SNAP program will continue, but appointments cancelled, and no negative case actions until three months after end of crisis.

TA president at Manhattanville reports tenants are under stress. Groundskeeping is at a minimum; custodial staff is running short. Tenants being offered hourly pay to maintain building. Buildings not secure; homeless man found dead on roof of one building.

Kim Nugent introduced: calls to CB9 office forwarded to DM's cell phone. Server is up and running, a few minor issues being worked out, but emails are going in and out. Some software and web services coming up for renewal soon.

Chair suggested contacting BetaNYC's Noel Hidalgo about their CBDB program. Looking to set up CRM to track interactions with local businesses, institutions, constituencies, etc.

Chair and VE discussed NYCHA and union contacts who could be engaged to improve both worker and resident safety in NYCHA, and reduce unnecessary services.

Discussion about Zoom cybersecurity measures apropos of DOE policy change.

### **Committee Reports**

Arts & Culture, Daria Hardeman

Committee met this week. MBP's meeting on April 3rd: information for non-profits and small businesses about funding (but not as much information for individual artists).

Economic Development, Joyce Adewumi

Co-chair Ms. Dunn asked to postpone meeting to next month. Paying attention to relief funds to follow the money. Plan to assemble a list of local businesses for future reference.

Health, Miriam Aristy-Farer

Healthcare has become a business. System is unprepared. When crisis passes, need conversation with electeds about healthcare system. Harlem hospital running out of stretchers. Health disparities for communities of color.

Other committees provided their reports.

**Action Item**

Letter recommending against cut of SYEP program adopted unanimously (16-0-0-0).