



**Executive Committee Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday April 11th, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)**

**I. Call to Order**

- Call to order made at 6:43 p.m. by Chair Edwards. Quorum achieved 14/19 members in attendance (M.Dunn, D. Hardeman, W. Alexander, C. Davis, V. Edwards, H. Jason, T. Lumley, S. Prophete, A. Robinson, C. Thompson, S. Wilson, J. Adewumi, Virtual - T. Kovaleff, L. Henry, D. McIntosh Brown, E. Torres)
- Excused - S. Mortensen, M. Hardin-Cordero

**II. Adopt Meeting Agenda**

- Motion to adopt agenda made by A. Robinson. Seconded by S. Wilson. Minutes are adopted by members present.

**III. Adopt Committee Minutes (from 03/14/2024)**

- Motion to adopt minutes made by S. Wilson. Seconded by D. Hardeman. Minutes are adopted by members present.

**IV. Discussion/Update(s):**

- Community Engagement, given by: Tony M. Liss, PhD, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs - The City College of New York, CUNY; and Dr. Vanessa K. Valdes, Associate Provost of Community Engagement - The City College of New York, CUNY
  - i. Both native New Yorkers
  - ii. Celebrating this neighborhood/district - Harlem 2032
  - iii. Campus has been there since 1907
    - 1. 10% of their members are Harlem residents
  - iv. Recent engagement with the Schomburg Center
  - v. Manual with recommendations for policy makers/stakeholders with regards to community outreach and collaboration
  - vi. Looking to make a resolution to re-create the Black Studies department at City College
  - vii. Would like to see more youth engagement.
  - viii. Saturday May 4th Homecoming - free events at Aaron Davis Hall
  - ix. Allowing Community Organizations to have events on the campus
  - x. Office of Experiential Learning
- Protocol for MCB9 - Community Forums, Resource Fairs, etc.
  - i. 6-8 weeks of notice needed
  - ii. We have several forums planned coming up
  - iii. Columbia started online process to use space - WHDC will provide oversight
  - iv. How can we provide A/V portably in a space that might not have that?
  - v. MCB9 - needs a "sandwich board"

**V. Chair's Report**

- Included in packet
- Met with CCNY Provost



- We have 9 vacancies
- New applicants should be reminded that we need people to attend events in person
- Helping Victims of the Fire
- Town Hall with Mayor Adams
- Cannabis Task Force - accepted first applicant
- VI. Treasurer's Report**
  - Included in packet
  - P-Card balance - \$2,000.00
- VII. District Manager's Report**
  - Included in the distributed packet
  - Next Gen. Board Meeting 4/18 at NAC Building
  - Uptown Night Market on Thursdays
  - Saturday 4/20 Street Naming for Cecil Corbin-Mark (Former CB9 Member)
- VIII. Committee Reports:**
  - Arts & Culture
    - i. Visit from Apollo Theater
      - 1. Spoke about their youth programming
    - ii. John McGregor - Harlem Bookstore
    - iii. Cultura Dominicana
    - iv. City Arts
    - v. West Harlem Arts Alliance - grant writing program
    - vi. Dance Theater of Harlem (G. Kingsbury, new CEO)
    - vii. Visual Art Exhibit Project - submissions finished on 4/6
      - 1. 11 entries
      - 2. Trying to obtain space
      - 3. Looking to have reception
      - 4. Children Arts Festival in July
  - Economic Development
    - i. Planning Economic Conference / small business forum - going to move it and have it later in the year
      - 1. Had issues with obtaining space
    - ii. Marine Transfer Station
  - Uniform, Transportation, and Services (UTS)
    - i. NYPD PSA6 and 30th Precinct attended
      - 1. increase in moped related robberies
    - ii. NYPD 26th Precinct was not able to attend
    - iii. NYC DOT attended and spoke about the OpenStreets program and resurfacing and milling to begin in our area. Walkthrough with the district office.
    - iv. Working on SLA Form - need to put it on the CB9 website to get feedback on the applicants (based on CB4)
    - v. Captain Rose, 30th Pct. will come to April Gen. Board Meeting
  - Landmarks & Parks
    - i. Special event on 4/13 Seed Celebration at Riverbank Greenhouse between 10a-1p
    - ii. Greenhouse Field trips for Students (school aged)
    - iii. Riverside Park Horticulture Teen Internship



- iv. Goats are coming back
- v. Summer on the Hudson
- vi. I Love my parks event on May 4th
- vii. 4/27 - General Grant Birthday Celebration at 11 AM
- viii. Volunteering at NYC Parks
- ix. Grow NYC - Farmers Market at Montefiore Park
- x. Harlem Earth Day
- o Housing and Land Use
  - i. No co-chairs present to provide an update at this time.
- o Youth, Education and Libraries
  - i. John McGregor - wants to open a bookstore
  - ii. George Bruce reopening on Mon 4/15
  - iii. Barnard - knitting projects
  - iv. Public Health Forum
  - v. Catalog the programs for young people
  - vi. Mail blasts regarding CBOs
- o Senior Action
  - i. Silver Corps Program
  - ii. Art MattanFilms
  - iii. Harlem Advocacy for Seniors
  - iv. George Bruce Library Reopening
  - v. Senior Resource Fair coming up in May, need volunteers to help out
- o Health
  - i. Changes to Medicaid Advantage
  - ii. People suffering with addiction
  - iii. Black Maternal Health Week with CCNY
  - iv. 4/25 Event Presentation with DYCD - Mental Health Stress in Youth
  - v. 2nd roundtable on Climate and Health
- o Cannabis Task Force
  - i. Finally approved someone for adult use dispensary
    - 1. Owner was granted provisional license
  - ii. Cannaware
    - 1. Help people walk through the process
    - 2. Cannabis education

**IX. Action Item(s):**

1. LOS re: M100 Bus Terminal Change
  - a. need executive board support due to a time constraint
  - b. S. Wilson motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by W. Alexander. Passes via Unanimous Consent
2. LOS re: KOTA Alliance, 43 St. Nicholas Place, NYC 10031
  - a. new bulkhead - try to reduce size
    - i. moving it back would cost them more money



- b. converting existing window to a door (back to original design)
- c. issues with staircase and neighboring property
- d. need to have more community engagement
- e. Vote taken - 5 - Yes; 5 - No; 2 - Abstain
  - i. There are not enough votes for this measure to pass.
3. Reso re: The Installation of "No Idling" Signs in Truck Loading Commercial Zones within CB9
  - a. signage should be installed
  - b. D. Hardeman motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by W. Alexander. Passes via Unanimous Consent
4. Reso re: Combatting the Critical Threat of Rechargeable Battery Fires to Protect CB9
  - a. presentation by Chief of FDNY during General Board
  - b. no law for state or city
  - c. How do you regulate what kind of batteries people purchase?
  - d. Rechargeable stations should be created outside of residential buildings
  - e. Hard to hold landlords accountable
  - f. C. Thompson and W. Alexander call to table
5. Reso re: Alleviating Illegal Parking and its Implications for Public Safety and Health on 145th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue by MCB9
  - a. Issues with a single narrow lane going north and south
  - b. Restore the old lanes
  - c. Need to collaborate with City Agencies and MTA to reassess
  - d. Friendly amendment - look into previous approval of the lane(s)
  - e. Send any friendly amendments to Laquita Henry and Edwin Torres
  - f. S. Wilson motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by W. Alexander. Passes via Unanimous Consent
6. 445 West 125th Street
  - Vote taken: 9 - Yes; 2 - No; 1 - Abstain;
    - Measure passes.

New Liquor License Application(s):

1. Michael Summerville AKA Morningside Park Cafe
  - No objections from NYPD 26th precinct.
  - Motion for unanimous consent by M.Dunn, seconded by W. Alexander. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to April 2024 General Board Meeting.

Liquor License Renewal(s):

1. Sugar Cafe Inc. – West 145th Street New York, NY 10031
2. AC Weirton LLC AKA Uptown Bourbon - 3631 Broadway NY, NY 10031
3. Bono - 3658 Broadway NY, NY 10031
  - No objections from 30th precinct. Clean SLA report for above applications



- S. Wilson moves for unanimous consent. W. Alexander seconds the motion.
- Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Renewal applications approved to move to April 2024 General Board Meeting.

Class Change(s):

1. Sugar Cafe - 500 West 145th Street NY, NY 10031
2. CGI Inc. AKA Bus Stop Diner - 3341 Broadway NY, NY 10031
  - Already licensed for beer, wine, cider - now adding liquor
  - No objections from 30th precinct
  - S. Wilson moves for unanimous consent. W. Alexander seconds the motion.
  - Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Class Changes approved to move to April 2024 General Board Meeting.

**X. Old/New Business:**

- Group chat
  - too many notifications over text and whatsapp
  - messages sent late at night or early in the morning
  - please take consideration when sending messages

**XI. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by C. Thompson. Seconded by W. Alexander. All committee members agree.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

***Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9th, 2024***

***Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete***