



Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday August 8th, 2024
6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

- I. Call to Order/Attendance**
 - Meeting called to attention by Chair Edwards at 6:45 p.m.
 - Only 8 people in attendance in person
 - Meeting called to order, quorum achieved at 6:56 p.m.
 - Attendance sign-in kept by District Manager, Eutha Prince
- II. Adopt Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion to adopt agenda made by W. Alexander. Seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- III. Adopt Committee Minutes (from 06/13/2024)**
 - Motion to adopt minutes made by D. McIntosh-Brown. Seconded by W. Alexander. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- IV. Chair's Report (V. Edwards)**
 - Included in the distributed packet
 - Bringing to attention NYS Senate Bill, sponsored by Senator Cleare
 - i. <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2023/S9544>
 - ii. Pause or rollback Columbia University expansion
 - Highlighting issues at 145th Street & St. Nicholas Avenue Corridor
 - i. double parking on the street
 - ii. biker was hit two weeks ago
 - iii. upcoming walkthrough with NYPD ambassador
 - CCNY requesting the permanent closing of 135th - 140th Street and Convent Avenue
 - i. CCNY looking to create an open plaza
 - ii. members of the community will lose parking and access to the transverse
 - iii. Chair looking to speak to the Provost
 - Housing RAD Program at Manhattanville Houses
 - i. asbestos removal, lead abatement, changes in apartments, changes in lease
 - ii. going from section 9 to section 8 housing
 - iii. "right sizing" of apartment units
 - Working on Committee Assignments
 - i. notifications will be sent out to new members
- V. Treasurer's Report (D. McIntosh-Brown)**
 - Included in the distributed packet
 - FY2025 Budget started on July 1st.
 - i. Received \$15,000 in discretionary funds (\$12,500 from Abreu & \$2,500 from Salaam)
 1. To be used for outreach and community engagement
 - We will no longer be paying for storage of old furniture and equipment
- VI. District Manager's Report (E. Prince)**



- Included in the distributed packet
- CO Taveras now Deputy Inspector Taveras at the 26th Precinct
- Job Fair at City College
 - i. <https://www.cuny.cuny.edu/cpdi/ccny-career-fairs>
- Healthcare Careers Job Expo on 8/22
- New Trash Cans provided to the district from 125th Street to 145th Street
- Budget consultations underway
 - i. public hearings must take place
 - ii. committee budget submissions are due on 10/31
 - iii. questions for your agencies - the time to ask is during budget consultations
- PALANTE's Housing Conference
- Please look at the calendar distributed
- Back to School / Backpack Event on Thursday 8/28
 - i. need volunteers for tabling, contact district office

VII. Committee Reports:

- Arts & Culture (T. Lumley & D. Hardeman)
 - i. Committee last met in June
 - ii. June 26th Art Crawl was well attended and successful
- Economic Development (J. Adewumi & M. Dunn)
 - i. No update provided at this time
- Uniform Services & Transportation (UST) (C. Thompson & S. Prophete)
 - i. Committee has not met since June
 - ii. invited to a meeting at 30th precinct with Capt. Rose
 - 1. members of Jenny's garden discussed issues with homeless encampments
 - 2. members of the community discussed issues with open drug use, selling of drugs, and illegal vending between 135th and 138th Street on Broadway
- Landmarks & Parks (H. Jason & A. Robinson)
 - i. Summer Jazz Festival
 - 1. <https://cityparksfoundation.org/charlieparker/>
 - ii. See the Goats at 143rd Street and Riverside Park
 - iii. Pickup Trash Day (NYC Parks)
 - 1. <https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/volunteer>
 - iv. Summer on the Hudson events
 - 1. https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/summer_on_the_hudson
 - v. Jenny's Garden looking for volunteers on Sunday at 10am
 - vi. Changes in NYC Parks Leadership. Tricia Shimamura is now the Manhattan Borough Commissioner for NYC Parks
 - vii. Landmarks Presentations are upcoming
- Housing and Land Use (S. Mortensen)
 - i. Did not have June meeting yet - will take place next week (Monday)
- Youth, Education and Libraries (D. McIntosh-Brown & S. Wilson)
 - i. After school program budget cuts
 - ii. Impacting Boys and Girls Club
 - 1. <https://bgcharlem.org/>



- iii. Principals having programming and personnel issues for upcoming school year
- o Senior Action (W. Alexander)
 - i. Next meeting may be in George Bruce Library
 - ii. Will start visiting Senior Centers in the district
 - iii. Advocating for the use of health bucks - used to purchase healthy food
 - 1. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/health-bucks.page>
 - iv. Senior Picnic at Randall's Island went well
 - v. Upcoming trip on Fri 8/29, seniors only charged \$25
- o Health (L. Henry)
 - i. Committee is hosting a workshop on Urban Farming
 - 1. need volunteers for this Monday at 6:30 pm
 - ii. Climate Week will take place the last week of September, various events taking place
 - iii. Sickle Cell Awareness is coming up
- o Strategic Planning (V. Edwards & B. Weinberg)
 - i. Will meet later this month
 - ii. CBA Discussions
 - iii. Budget Town Hall
 - iv. Budget Priorizations
- o Cannabis Task Force (M. Hardin-Cordero)
 - i. Lt. Salvia provided updates on Operation Padlock - closing of illegal smoke shops
 - ii. Awareness in the Community
 - iii. National Night Out (30th Precinct) on Tuesday 8/6 at PS 153
 - 1. large turnout, successful event

VIII. Action Item(s):

- 1. Letter of Support for B.R.I.C.C.S., Inc.
 - a. Derrick Haynes joined by phone to talk about his company
 - b. Working on 2 major renovation projects in Harlem and South Bronx with the following partners:
 - i. "A New World Contracting Co"
 - ii. Apollo Safety Trainings and Services
 - c. Spoke to Charles Calloway from WEACT for guidance
 - d. Want to expand classes and certifications for construction job training
 - i. training class site at 140th Street and 5th Avenue
 - e. Looking for support from the community board
 - f. Motion of Unanimous Consent by T. Lumley. Seconded by W. Alexander. Remaining members present agreed.



IX. Old Business:

1. No old business at this time.

X. New Business:

1. Presentation on Building Lives by Anita Cheng
 - a. <https://www.cuny.edu/academics/faculty-affairs/cuny-innovative-teaching-academy/transformational-learning-in-the-humanities/tlh-faculty-fellows/anita-cheng/>
 - b. Video Projection shared with executive committee
 - c. Doodle link to signup and volunteer

XI. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by V. Edwards. Seconded by W. Alexander. All committee members agree.
- Meeting adjourned at 8.46 p.m.

Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete