



Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, December 12th, 2024
6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

- I. Call to Order/Attendance**
 - Attendance taken by 2nd Vice Chair, Monique Hardin-Cordero. Attendance sign-in sheet collected by Eutha Prince. Quorum met, meeting called to order at 6:50 pm by Chair V. Edwards.
- II. Adopt Meeting Agenda**
 - Motion to adopt agenda made by M.Hardin-Cordero. Seconded by M. Dunn. Agenda is adopted by members present.
- III. Adopt Exec. Committee Minutes (from 11/14/2024)**
 - Motion to adopt minutes made by S. Mortensen. Seconded by M.Hardin-Cordero. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- IV. Chair's Report (Hon. Victor Edwards)**
 - Highlights:
 - i. Great event hosted by P.A.L.A.N.T.E. They honored and recognized CB9 District Manager, Eutha Prince.
 - ii. Community Benefits Agreement Meeting with State Senator Cordell Cleare
 1. Affordable housing
 2. Employment opportunities
 3. Scholarships for local students/scholars
 4. Looking to build on the existing CBA with Columbia - asking the university to live up to the CBA and do more for the community. Take inventory of where we are in the last 5,10,15,20 years. Need to fund youth, health, job, and education programs.
 5. 20 Million dollars for affordable housing is not enough
 - iii. A NYS Bill was proposed by State Senator Cleare - to curb Columbia University Expansion in Manhattanville
 1. Contributes to gentrification of Central and West Harlem
 2. Looking to override the Empire State Development Corp. - the state effectuates the rezoning
 - iv. Meetings with Columbia University are separate from the Senator
 - v. Emma Bowen relocation from 145th Street to 135th Street. They will not move back until the 1727 Amsterdam Avenue site is ready.
 1. Laquita and Victor did a tour of the new site.
 2. 3333 Tenant Association have some concerns
 - vi. Met with Councilmember Yusef Salaam - will try to meet quarterly and he will try to attend General Board Meeting(s)
 - vii. "Abandoned" Site at 141st Street and Convent Avenue
 1. Victor and Liz met with owners at Trinity Church (looking to sell)
 2. CB would like to see it repurposed



3. Scaffolding lights have not been working at the site per C. Johnson (submit 311 complaint)
 - viii. Holiday Lights Parade was a success
 - ix. There should be proper decorum at meetings. Respect one another.
 1. Committee Meetings length should not be more than 2 hours
 2. Control meetings, give people a chance to speak within reason
 3. Keep in mind that virtual co-host cannot see the entire room
 4. Co-chairs should physically be at the meeting to lead it or designate someone
 5. Attendance - reach out to committee members if you have not seen them. We cannot conduct business if there is not quorum.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Hon. Deidre McIntosh-Brown)**
- o Included in the distributed packet
 - o Reminder - Discretionary funding is available
 - o P-Card has a balance of \$0.00
- VI. District Manager's Report (Eutha Prince)**
- o Included in the distributed packet
 - o District needs statement has been submitted to City Planning
 - o Senator Cordell Cleare is hosting a holiday round robin on 12/17 from 5-9 pm at the Harlem State Office Building. CB members are invited.
 - o After the Dec. 2024 general board meeting - hot refreshments and celebration will take place. Please come on time.
- VII. BID Update & Committee Reports:**
- o 125th Street Business Improvement District (BID) - Hon. Chris Johnson & Hon. Monique Hardin Cordero
 - i. BID has concerns about vandalism, homelessness and mental health issues
 - ii. currently looking at security and public safety presence
 - iii. having working cameras present
 - iv. promoting clean and healthy campaign - reduce littering, instill a sense of pride
 - v. need proper containers for sanitation
 - vi. celebration of the lights - would like to see 1 or 2 floats from uptown
 - vii. Streetscapes (Andrew Smith and Ester Fuchs)
 1. NSF grant - \$26 million consortium
 - a. Harlem will be a test bed
 - b. Space is the top floor of Dinosaur (old Amtrak station)
 2. Research initiative and accelerator
 - a. Augmented reality technology ideas
 - b. What is going on with the Museum?
 - viii. Police need to patrol and walk the area
 - o Arts & Culture (Hon. T. Lumley & Hon. D. Hardeman)
 - i. Trinity Church at 12/15 author visit of St. Nicholas
 1. reading of the poem and caroling at 5pm
 - ii. NMAC - New Years Party on 1/9/25 (43 artists on display)
 - iii. Gwen Black doing a jazz fest on Riverbank on 12/21 from 12-9 pm
 - iv. Dance Theater of Harlem classes start on 1/21
 - v. Every Voice Choirs groups for ages 7-17



- vi. Aaron Sims grants available in Inwood - \$40K documentaries about South Bronx and Harlem
- vii. Boser Fisher & Arts Alliance at Avery Fisher Hall
- viii. dance ensemble and 30th pct. dinner on Sat 12/14 open to the public 3-7pm at 152nd Amsterdam
- ix. 12/19/24 - Hamilton Grange gifting the school 2 giant canvases, painting from 3-6pm with the students
- x. 12/15/24 - Gay in the Garden at Greenhouse at Riverbank from 1-3pm
- o Economic Development (Hon. J. Adewumi & Hon. M. Dunn)
 - i. Created two (2) sub-committees (1 for Economic Development & 1 for Harlem Piers)
 - ii. talk to the small businesses
 - iii. open up the transfer station how can we make it viable
 - iv. temporary bathrooms, port-a-potties not sufficient
 - v. SOHA - provide space and modern equipment
 - 1. have shows and exhibitions
 - 2. learn about fashion industry
- o Uniform Services & Transportation (UST) (Hon. C. Thompson & Hon. S. Prophete)
 - i. Received updates from NYPD 30th Precinct and NYC DOT
 - 1. 30 pct - holiday scams on the rise
 - 2. 12 new patrol officers assigned to the precinct
 - ii. Discussed the need for protected bike lane(s) in our district
 - iii. Reviewed backlog of liquor license applications (new & renewals)
- o Landmarks & Parks (Hon. H. Jason & Hon. C. Johnson)
 - i. new art piece installed in morningside park
 - 1. invite artist to general board meeting before it is unveiled
 - ii. broadway mall association needs support from the community
 - 1. will have an office at the church of the intercession
 - iii. cherry walk construction is ahead of schedule and may reopen by Spring
 - iv. 142st dog run was delayed due to DOT issues
 - v. mulchfest taking place in January
 - vi. jackie robinson - holiday market
 - vii. 113th street staircase in morningside park scheduled to be completed in the spring
 - viii. holiday events to take place at riverbank state park and st. nicholas park
- o Housing and Land Use (Hon. S. Mortensen & Hon. L. Waytkus)
 - i. Monitoring NYCHA RAD/PACT Conversion at Manhattanville Houses
 - ii. Capital project for 644 Riverside Drive - need to watch it carefully
 - iii. 640 Riverside Drive has accumulated a lot of debt in the conversion process
 - iv. legislation - HDFC coalition - NYS bill s9950 support needed
 - v. need two task forces - one for RKO Hamilton Theater (find a leader to schedule the meetings); Walter Alexander is willing to lead it
 - 1. need advisors outside of our knowledge base
 - vi. 2nd task force is needed for film and tv requests - liaison to tenant associations, community groups; need someone to lead the meetings
 - 1. get money from production companies



- 2. issues with parking
- vii. fire at st. nick's pub
- Youth, Education and Libraries (Hon. D. McIntosh-Brown & Hon. S. Wilson)
 - i. have not met this month yet
 - ii. Can they alternate meeting space?
 - 1. might switch spaces with housing
 - 2. they will coordinate with Eutha and Housing committee
- Senior Action (Hon. W. Alexander & Hon. C. Davis)
 - i. arts and minds mini workshop visual effects
 - ii. community dances at grant's tomb
 - iii. senior resource fair tba
 - iv. lighting on lasalle street due to scaffolding
 - 1. grant houses turned on LEDs
- Health (Hon. L. Henry)
 - i. had a quorum
 - 1. however, couple of their committee members have not shown up
 - ii. between 15-30 guests show up
 - 1. 2 of 12 health awardees presented
 - a. city harvest
 - b. kumba - concentrate on youth mental health
 - iii. expect 4 awardees for January 2025 meeting
 - iv. public health forum support from Columbia (Phoebe Sade Arnold)
- Strategic Planning (Hon. V. Edwards & Hon. B. Weinberg)
 - i. No new update at this time
 - ii. Needed to move meeting due to the PALANTE event.
- Cannabis Task Force (Hon. M. Hardin-Cordero & Hon. M. Aristy Farer)
 - i. Learn about medicinal use
 - ii. medical cannabis - access to establishments presentation from NYSOCM
 - iii. enforcement - awareness of illegal establishments
 - iv. opted to meet every other month
 - 1. meeting next week
 - a. intentional meetings
 - v. discuss opportunities for young people
 - vi. discuss medical benefits for seniors
 - vii. need to put in formal request at the forum

VIII. Action Item(s):

New Liquor License Applications:

1. Malecon Express, Inc. - 3500 West 145th St., NYC 10031 (W 143rd & W 144th Street-30th Pct.);
2. Sweet Bar Lounge Corp. - 500 West 145th St., NYC 10031 (145th Street & Amsterdam Ave.-30th Pct.);

- Committee discussed the new applications. All applicants filled out the CB9 questionnaire. Applications reviewed with the NYPD 30th Precinct



- All members in agreement to advance the new liquor license applications to the December 2024 General board meeting

Liquor License Renewals:

3. Grand Slam Sports Corp., Inc. - 3540 Broadway, 2nd Fl., NYC 10031 (145th St. & Broadway - 30th Pct);
- 4.. Chinelos II Corp. - 530 West 136th St., NYC 10031 (136th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam - 30th Pct.);

- Committee discussed the renewal applications. No SLA violations found by the committee. Renewals were reviewed with the NYPD 30th Precinct
- All members in agreement to advance the renewal liquor license applications to the December 2024 General board meeting

Class Change(s):

5. Cocina Consuelo, LLC - 130 Hamilton Place, NYC 10031 (30th Pct.);

- Committee discussed the class change application
- All members in agreement to advance the class change application to the December 2024 General board meeting

X. Old Business:

- No old business at this time.

XI. New Business:

- Conducting and promoting committee meetings & business
 - we cannot vote on action items - if we do not have quorum (need to ensure committee members are reminded and in attendance)
 - promotion of our meetings - is it put on NYCLink?
 - submit on a regular basis
 - distribute flyers and door hangers - invite the community out
 - have an open house for all committees (CB forum?)
 - use instagram accounts for CB9 and committees
 - we have one for CB9, make sure its updated and active
- proposed SLA application changes
 - instilling best practices from other community boards
 - post signs in the window of the establishments requesting a new liquor license - letting members of the community know they are applying for a liquor license
 - post when the next UST committee meeting - so members can give committee or community board feedback
 - might consider for renewal applications as well
 - would be nice to have a map of the district on our website - which indicates which establishments have liquor licenses, or cannabis licenses
 - indicates where there are schools, churches, health facilities



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- keep in mind that every community board handles things differently
- cb8 - coming down on the cannabis delivery services (new license type), our CB has not received a request
- NYPD should be in attendance in the session - verbally stating there are no issues with the applicants

XII. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by V. Edwards. Seconded by M.Dunn. All committee members agree.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 9th, 2025

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete