

Executive Committee Meeting

12 January 2023 / 6:30 PM / ZOOM

ATTENDEES

Eutha Prince, Barry Weinberg, Victor Edwards, Joyce Adewumi, LaQuita Henry, Monique Hardin-Cordero, Carolyn Thompson, Ted Kovaleff, Deidre Mcintosh-Brown, Heather Jason, Patricia Watler Johnson, Shaneeka Wilson, Maritta Dunn, Walter Alexander, Daria Hardeman, Solomon Prophete, Derrick Johnson, Anita Cheng, Anthony Hargraves, Carlton Davis, Edwin Torres, Francina Wearing, John Martin Green, Jonatan Sinagub, Jonathan Thomas, Miriam Aristy-Farer, Signe Mortensen, Sue Peters

Note: official roll-call taken by T. Kovaleff

AGENDA

- **Call to Order and Review Meeting Agenda**
- **Review and Adopt Minutes from the 12/08/22 meeting**
- **Chair's Report**
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Included in the distributed packet**
- **District Manager's Report**
 - **Included in the distributed packet**
- **Committee Minutes & Updates -**
 - **Please see the attached reports in the distributed packet**
- **Action Items / New Business**
 - **LOS re: The 12th Avenue Accessibility Improvements**
 - **Reso: re: Million Tress**
 - **Reso re: Disapproval of new Link5G Kiosks within CB9**
 - **Letter to Office of Cannabis Management**
- **January 2023/February 2023 Calendar**

NOTES

- Quorum reached at 6:38 PM. The meeting was called to order by B. Weinberg.
- M. Farer asked to make amendments to the agenda. The order of the agenda was modified. New agenda was adopted unanimously.
- Minutes from 12/08/22 were adopted. Moved by C. Thompson and Seconded by V. Edwards. Minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chair Report: B. Weinberg

- Mayor has released the new 2023 budget proposal
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/omb/publications/finplan01-23.page>
- Budget cuts - impacting Libraries in a big way
- Up to CB9 to submit comments
- CB Members should review Preliminary Capital Budget
- Follow up with OMB to ensure our district projects are still funded - we need to fight and be VOCAL for our priorities
- City Council Budget Negotiating Team will respond to the Mayor's budget proposal
- Look at Geographic Expense Report for our district
- Non-profits and Schools should look into funding from Council Member Offices
- Community Board Applications are open. Some members need to reapply.
- Proposed Re-Development of Emma Bowen Center at 145th St. & Amsterdam
- Riverbank Funding by Gov. Hochul
- Sidewalk Shed Data - <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/buildings/html/sidewalk-shed-map.html>

District Manager's Report: E. Prince

- Boro President's Office is reviewing all our expenditures
- Homeless Outreach Hope Survey on 1/24/2023
 - Need volunteers
- State of the Boro address on 1/31/2023 at City College
- Columbia Neighbors Rat Academy Training on 1/31/23
- DOT holding a job fair/open house on 2/3/23 at 55 Water St.
- District Office closed on 1/16/23 for MLK day
- Regained access to LINKNYC kiosks

Committee Reports

Housing and Land Use: S.Mortensen

- Presentation by Palante Harlem (WHDC Grantee) - <https://www.palanteharlem.org>
- Building Fires - 617 West 141st St. (several in our area)
- Landlords in our area consistently violating rules and issued fines (4 in our area)
 - <https://patch.com/new-york/harlem/harlem-landlord-let-100s-dangerous-living-conditions-fester-suit>
- 2 Buildings on 145th Street bought by AIDS Foundation - plan is for low-income housing
- New owners at St. Lukes
 - Need help to maintain the area
- Facade in St. Nicholas has been fixed
- Get Stuff Built Plan by the Mayor - zoning amendments/changes
- Help people know that they should get renter's insurance before something happens
- Scaffolding up for four years at 1635 Amsterdam Ave.
- Make 311 calls to make the case

Parks and Landmarks: H. Jason

- Morningside Park Kiosk passed
- Riverbank State Park will get \$26 million for capital improvements
 - <https://gothamist.com/news/denny-farrell-riverbank-state-park-in-west-harlem-is-getting-a-makeover>
 - 1/14 People of the Earth concert at 5PM
 - Community Garden Lottery on 2/25/23 at 11 AM
- Harlem Farm Apprenticeship Program
- Camel Park Playground - Con Edison working on electricity for the lights and comfort stations
- WeACT organizing a run across Harlem parks

Economic Development: J.Adewumi

- John George is no longer on the board
- Restructure the committee and set up subcommittees
- Talked about CBA money and what was done with the money by Parks
- Business Recognition event will take place in April

Senior Issues: W. Alexander

- Sen. Clare did not show even if she confirmed she would show
- Harlem for Seniors
- Event at Radio City Music Hall with Rockettes
- WHDC reserving 250 seats at Magic Johnson Theater for Whitney Houston Movie. Gave us 25 seats.
- Seniors only attending the meeting by phone
- May 2023 - make it "Seniors" month.
- Committee needs another co-chair

Youth, Education, and Libraries: D. McIntosh-Brown

- 7 WHDC grantees attended
- Kelly Downing - Sound Business Institute - celebrating 31 years at A. Phillip Randolph
 - Automotive Tech Training Program
 - Career Day in March
- Every Voice Choir
 - Intergenerational choir
 - Expanded special needs choir
- Biobus
 - Information on 2/1
- Creative Art Works
- Harlem Skating - event at Wollman rink, tickets are \$15
- Harlem Tennis
- New Principal at PS 153

Health and Environment: L. Henry/E. Torres

- Mt. Sinai Nurses Union came to talk about their issues
- They finally came to an agreement earlier today.
- Serious problem with opioids and fentanyl impacting youth
- Domestic Violence Outreach
- Issue with Auto Repair Shop on 134th St.
- Working with WeACT regarding commercial vehicles idling in our area - need to reduce CO2 pollution

Arts and Culture: J. Signaub/D. Hardeman

- WHAA attended and gave a brief description of their goals for 1st quarter
- NoMAA poster contest is now open.

Uniformed Services and Transportation: C. Thompson

- No report at this time.
- Pat Johnson excused

Strategic Planning: V. Edwards

- Manhattanville, Grant, 3333 Bway Tenant Associations invited to come to discuss the CBA
- Also, invited Columbia University
- New Columbia Community Advisory Board (all internal)
- Many subcommittees are missing (health, seniors, housing)
- Where are the improvements for the Harlem Piers?
 - Bio stations needed
 - Kayak service
 - Ferry service
 - \$6-\$7 Million dollars were allocated for the area
- Need more Summer Youth jobs in our area

LGBTQ: J. Martin-Green

- Movie Screenings
- Advertising Visual Artists

Cannabis: M. Aristy-Farer/M. Hardin-Cordero

- Collaborating with other Community Boards
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/176F6w9XW0LjTaNqWrWSvhO6V-fl1wui?usp=share_link
- Meeting on Thursdays
- OCM Public Forum on Regulations 1/19/23
 - To register - bit.ly/3Cz9taC

ACTION ITEMS

- Moving to Executive Session at 8:28 PM

- Unanimous consent to hire Madison Ayala as community associate
- Anthony Fletcher, would like a six-month leave of absence, does not want to be co-chair on Senior Issues or attend General Board meetings
- Remove Michael Palma from committees, he will not re-apply.
- Send feedback to MBP's office to reappoint Anita Cheng to Community Board 9.
- Ending executive session at 8:42 PM
- LOS re: The 12th Avenue Accessibility Improvements
 - Main concern - stormwater management
 - Need to draft letter of support and send out for review
 - Unanimous consent motion by T. Kovaleff and seconded by C. Thompson to put the item up for a vote during General Board Meeting
- Resolution relating to One Million Trees
 - Concerns that trees could cause tripping hazards, garbage, and need for tree guards
 - City wide initiative
 - Unanimous consent motion by T. Kovaleff and seconded by W. Alexander to put the item up for a vote during General Board Meeting
- Disapproval of Link5G
 - Vote is due on 1/16/23
 - Opposed to this due to potential health concerns
 - CB8 voted in favor for disapproval
 - Millimeter technology has been used since 9/11 in airports
 - T. Kovaleff (present, not entitled)
 - 15 executive members voted in favor and 2 members of the General board voted in favor of the disapproval. 0 members opposed or abstained.
 - Final Letter will be sent out tomorrow by Eutha and Barry

NEW BUSINESS

- Letter to the Office of Cannabis Management
 - Adding comments, proactive requirements, and conditions in current regulation guidelines
 - <https://cannabis.ny.gov/marihuana-regulation-and-taxation-act-mrta>

- 15 executive members voted in favor and 2 members of the General board voted in favor of the letter of support. 0 members opposed or abstained.

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

- TBD - Thursday, February 9th, 2023

Motion to adjourn by C. Thompson and seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 PM

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete & T. Kovaleff