

Community Board 9M  
Minutes of Executive Committee January 11, 2024

Time: 6:30

Location: Board Office and Zoom

A quorum being in attendance. The meeting was called to order by Chair V. Edwards at 6:50

To adopt the agenda with addition of SM report – SM/BW – Unam

To adopt the minutes: BW/SW—Unam

**City of Yes**

VE noted that much of the content involved having projects that have:

Carbon neutrality

Economic opportunities from development

Housing

We further discussed the content to provide guidelines for VE to take to the Boro Bd Mtg which will occur before our Gen Bd.

Concern was raised that the 5% budget cuts will hamper response to our interests

It was noted that much of the changes will cover the outer boroughs

Concerns were raised that the use of store fronts could raise rents which would lead to current tenants being forced

The following numbers refer to numbered items in the report

2. should add air b and bs

3. should include no involvement that might produce smells such as coffee roasting facilities

It was noted that there are few opportunities in CB9 as the spaces is already taken up or grandfathered

4. No problem

5. Opposed for residential buildings

6. Groups need to be customized

7. Indoor agriculture in mfg areas-few opportunities here

Leave as is but add flower shops

8. We oppose

9. We want there to be opportunities for people to socialize together uptown

Need permitting for space usage

OK if no problems [covered by permitting etc]

Must have sound proofing in advance of OK

Approved with conditions

10. Amusement: Approved for commercial districts with stipulations

11. Workspace allowed in homes: Approved so long as it does not exceed 500 sq feet

Could allow hair braiding

12. Need windows onto the street

Note cannabis requires black windows

Adult shops need the same to protect kids

Discussion resulted in all other establishments should have see through windows

13. Auto repairs; must reduce interaction between pedestrians and work  
Approve with conditions and grandfathering
14. Neighborhood delivery hubs: opposed as it will increase traffic
15. Community Campus: Can open 15k space: Approve with conditions
16. Corner Stores: no need in CB9
17. Better waiver process. Oppose
18. Does not apply to us

All can send comments to CPC

#### **Board Attendance**

Next month the Exec Committee will have an attendance review

Attendance must be included in committee minutes. If virtual, must be approved by committee chair or Board chair.

Discussion of LOAs. OK for medical; others need to be worked out

#### **Public Membership Guidelines**

There was discussion of quantity/involvement of public committee members in each committee. There was agreement that the numbers should be less than 50% of total membership. SM will work on suggestions for responsibilities. including attendance, etc.

#### **Chair report**

Visited Florida space Would require much work to change from a restaurant to an arts space

BW: we must insist on a permanent space in something like 147<sup>th</sup> Street

Treasurers Report in packet

DM Report in packet

Noted that there are cuts. But there is money for capital projects; also the electeds have funds to disburse.

#### **Action Items**

LH: Health Committee

There is a need to protect residential parking spaces in our community—especially with the downtown toll plan. The reso had passed the committee 7-1

BW/DH: unam consent to bring it to the Gen Bd

NOTE: Board application process has opened.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35

Respectfully submitted

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