



Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, January 8th, 2026
6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

- I. Call to Order/Attendance:**
 - Attendance was taken by the 1st Vice Chair, Monique Hardin-Cordero. Attendance sign-in sheet collected by Eutha Prince.. A quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Chair V. Edwards.
- II. Adopt Meeting Agenda:**
 - Motion to adopt the agenda made by W. Alexander. Seconded by T. Kovaleff. The agenda is adopted by the members present.
- III. Adopt Exec. Committee Minutes (from 12/11/2025):**
 - Motion to adopt minutes made by M. Hardin-Cordero. Seconded by J. Adewumi. Minutes are adopted by members present.
 - There was a typo related to KOTA.
- IV. Presentations/Discussions/Updates:**
 - Presentation by Briana Montalvo, While We Are Still Here
 - <https://whilewearestillhere.org>
 - June 27, 2026
 - Sugar Hill Luminaries Lawn
 - Music Festival
 - Nia Freelon - reimagined jazz classics
 - Corporate sponsorship
 - Full free access festival
 - Expecting 400 people
 - Flyer will be sent to Arts & Culture Committee and District Office
 - Presentation by MHCC and 111th Street Association
 - Dave Robinson - Morningside Heights Community Coalition (MHCC)
 - Fighting for Affordable Housing
 - Rent-regulated apartments
 - Worked with April Tyler on Resolution
 - Looking to get units in the new building on 125th Street
 - Fought for elevator at 125th Street
 - Helping Small Businesses in the District with Social Enterprise
 - Got some funding from WHDC to help with housing work
 - Dan McSweeney 111th Street Association/MHCC
 - Local Businesses are critical
 - Effort to promote a social enterprise
 - Led a veterans organization previously
 - Partnering with Broadway Community Space
 - Learn about sewing/tailoring (Henry)
 - Help support advocacy



- Free for participants
- Asking Columbia for a storefront
- Business Improvement District south of 125th Street
 - Hans Toperia lives on 110th Street
 - How businesses can help employees get ownership
- Collaborating with the Working World
 - <https://www.theworkingworld.org/us/>
- Laura Friedman Community Award given to Victor Edwards
- Columbia has an obligation to come up with the costs
 - M. Lasher gave them a deadline for the end of 2025
 - CBA talks about the upgrade of the escalators
- Community Enterprise Forum - handful of businesses attended
- Housing Application due by January 31st.
 - Need assistance encouraging the voucher holders to apply

V. Reports:

1. **Chair's Report (Hon. Victor Edwards)**
 - The report is included in the packet
 - Public Hearing - 1727 Amsterdam Ave. on 1/7/26
 - Too Many Supportive Facilities in our district
 - Affordable Housing Units
 - Not bringing back Heritage Health
 - Being Evicted
 - Losing Optometrist and Dentist
 - Legionnaires Disease
 - 3333 Broadway - 2 cases in the building (tower B)
 - Tower A & Tower B have same water source
 - Dept of Health Notified
 - Meeting - next Tuesday 1/13
 - Capacity issue for meeting space
 - Attendance Review in February
 - New Co-Chairs Assigned
 - Michael Gross - Economic Development
 - Abraham Alexander - Landmarks, Parks, Preservation
 - Rent-stabilized Units at Columbia Buildings
 - 8 total units
 - 4 units open now
 - Randomized waiting list
 - Holiday Celebrations
 - Riverside Church Toy Giveaway - 13th year
 - Walter Alexander - played Santa
 - Manhattanville Tenant Association Holiday Party
 - CB9 Holiday Party



2. Treasurer's Report (Hon. Deidre McIntosh-Brown)

- The report is included in the distributed packet
- No changes from last month.

3. District Manager's Report (Ms. Eutha Prince)

- The report is included in the distributed packet
- MLK Day Event at Harlem School of the Arts
- HOPE Outreach and Survey
 - Canvas the neighborhoods to determine the count of homeless
- Thank you letters went out for Contributions to the CB9 Holiday Party

4. BID Update (Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero)

- No meeting was held

5. Committee Reports

- Landmarks, Parks, and Preservation (LPP)
 - Committee Procedures
 - Riverside Park Conservation- 4 year project
 - to restore 7 acres at 143rd Street (trash cleanup). Erosion control measures
 - LPC will hold borough wide events
 - 125th Street On-Ramp (Northbound) Closed
 - Streetblog
- Strategic Planning
 - No significant change
 - CBA and Bylaws
 - Business Incubator
- Housing, Land Use & Zoning (HLUZ)
 - Presentation by CCNY School of Architecture
 - Mine data from ULURP applications
 - Amendments to City Charter
 - Deed Modification(s)
 - Put restrictions on deed on what land can be used for at 4 Hancock Place
 - Theater/Dance Performance space
 - Preserve Firehouse and Cityscape
 - Audrey Wachs - DCP
 - Training Course in Zoning
 - Mid February 2026
 - Make it a recording



- Event Planning for 2026
 - Training course for DOB
 - Landlord - Tenant Issues
 - Get together with other CB committees
- Economic Development / Harlem Piers
 - New Co-Chair - Michael Gross
 - SoHa - Janet Rodriguez
 - Lost a lot of funding because of budget cuts
 - Provide worksites for previously incarcerated women
 - Need jobs so they are not sent back to prison
 - Columbia Business School students to help local businesses
 - Small Business Summit
 - How to Make West Harlem Piers more attractive
 - Yuien has a merchants association
 - SBS grant transfer to Harlem One Stop
- Arts & Culture
 - Co-Chairs not present at this time.
- Uniform Services and Transportation
 - The committee did not meet yet. Will meet on 1/12
 - NYPD Precinct Changes
 - FDNY Outreach
 - Promote Fire Blankets and Awareness
- LGBTQ+ Task Force
 - No update given at this time
- Cannabis Task Force
 - Will not meet this month
 - Planning Cooking with Cannabis Event
- Health Committee
 - Met on Monday 1/5/2026
 - Presentation on 3333 Broadway
 - African Services Committee - social services, food pantry
 - Good Vibes in the Park
 - Pending Nursing Strike affecting local hospitals - could start on 1/12/26
 - Critically understaffed
 - Still Negotiating

VI. Action Item(s):

- 1. Letter of Support / Concern re: Reducing the number of fires in Community District 9
 - HPD enforcement
 - Dejon's Building
 - No gas since June 2025
 - Enforcement of Landlords Not providing heat
 - Alarms and Detectors
 - Need to contact FDNY to help bring awareness



VII. Old Business:

- CB9 Newsletter
 - Get information out
 - Frequency
 - Every other month or quarterly
- Cameron will share a template that he uses for another organization

VIII. New Business:

- No new business was brought up during this meeting

IX. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by W. Alexander. Seconded by M.Dunn. All committee members agree.
- The meeting adjourned at 8.23 p.m. by Chair Edwards

Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12th, 2026

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete