

Executive Committee Meeting

08 June 2023 / 6:30 PM / ZOOM

ATTENDEES

CB9 Staff - Eutha Prince

CB9 Board Members - J.Adewumi, W. Alexander, M. Aristy Farer, M. Dunn, V. Edwards, D. Hardeman, M. Hardin-Cordero, L. Henry, H. Jason, P. Watler Johnson, T. Kovaleff, S. Prophete, C. Thompson, E. Torres, B. Weinberg, S. Wilson, Clotilde Monguya

AGENDA

- **Revised Executive Committee Meeting Agenda;**
- **Executive Committee Minutes (05/11/23);**
- **Chair's Report; (will be shared at the meeting)**
- **Treasurer's Report;**
- **Revised District Manager's Report;**
- **Action Item(s):**
 1. **Reso re: 1727 Amsterdam Ave.**
 2. **City of Yes: Carbon Neutrality**

Liquor License New Application(s) & Retail Permit:

3. **Reso re: The Gateway 151 LLC - W. 151st St., Riverside Park (The Arcade and Rotunda)**
4. **Reso re: La Esquina Del Salmon – 3379 Broadway**
5. **Reso re: Inkay Corp. aka La Flor de Broadway – 3395 Broadway**
6. **Reso re: Star Lounge aka Little Street Lounge (Amended) – 126 Hamilton Place**

Liquor License Renewal(s):

7. **Skinny River Inc. aka Skinny's Cantina- 703 W. 133rd St./2346 12th Ave.**
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9. **Clove Indian Restaurant – 1592 Amsterdam Ave.**

10. Shake Shack – 2957 Broadway

- Flyers/Announcement(s)
- June - 2023 Calendar

NOTES

- Quorum reached at 6:37 PM. The meeting was called to order by B. Weinberg.
- 16 members in attendance.
- The meeting Agenda was amended by B. Weinberg and adopted unanimously by all members.
- The minutes from the 5/11/23 executive board meeting were moved to be adopted by C. Thompson. The motion was seconded by E. Torres. Minutes were adopted unanimously by all members.

Chair Report: B. Weinberg

- Motion to pass a resolution for 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
 - The current resolution is 11 pages long
- SLA informed us that Bar & Billiards does not have a liquor license.
- Over the last 4 years within CB9:
 - Moved offices
 - 2 staff members with over 40 years of experience retired
 - Replaced those staff members
 - Ensured our small businesses get Federal & State Covid funding help
 - Ensured Covid Vaccines and PPE for our community
 - Held virtual board meetings in March 2020
 - \$250,000 community fund
 - Lost April Tyler and Walter South
- NYSAG Tish James Charity Office has taken issue with the community benefits fund
- Community District Needs and Budget Priorities process has started early
- Barry has asked MBPO to conduct Budget training for committee chairs
- Notifications for the community board were sent out. In the process of handing out committee assignments and hope to finalize them by the end of the month.
 - <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/resources/communityboards/community-board-9/>
 - Everyone should join at least two committees.

- Ask people who were not reappointed to be public members
- Get new budget lines included

Treasurer's Report: C. Thompson

- We do not want to give any money back to the city.

District Manager's Report: E. Prince

- When we left our old space we were in arrears with rent.
- Her Report is included in a distributed email
- The funding priorities process will start earlier
- We would like to start a budget task force.
- Budget collaboration opportunities should be advertised on LinkNYC
- Ask superintendents of schools to provide their wish list to us
- MBPO - they have N95 and KN95 masks for distribution
 - <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-one-million-n95-masks-be-made-available-new-yorkers-effects-canadian>
- HDFC Resource Center on 6/21 at the Forum
- Youth Fair on 6/14 at the Forum
- NYC Virushunters and Columbia BioBus conducting a STEM program for teens from July 3 - July 7 (no program on July 4)
 - https://www.tfaforms.com/4833287?tfa_404=a1S5c00000FEPFOEA5
 - <https://www.biobus.org/local-high-school-students-first-to-describe-new-viruses-in-new-york-citys-pigeons/>

Committee/Task Force Reports

Election Committee: L. Henry

- Tiffany Khan was not reappointed to CB9.
- Juan Colmaneres has been appointed by Barry Weinberg to the election committee.
- Election Buddy test sent to volunteers
- No one had issues voting during the test
- A Powerpoint of voting instructions will be sent to every board member prior to voting night
- Could make paper ballots as a backup.

Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee: D. McIntosh-Brown / S. Wilson

- NYC Urban Debate League (Middle School & High School students)
- Morningside Heights Library (114th & Broadway) - utilize the teen center
- BioBus and Hypothkids

Uniformed Services and Transportation Committee: C. Thompson / P. Watler Johnson

- MTA presentation re: elevators at 137th Street 1 subway station
 - Making the station more accessible
- Will reach out to the NYC Sheriff's office

Senior Issues Committee: W. Alexander

- Shaun Abreu came to the meeting
 - Issues regarding access to staff and office
- Presentation re: Housing Connect system
- Will probably have hybrid meetings to accommodate
- Cuts to NYC Dept. of Aging
- 26th Pct. held a senior cruise - many seniors from CB9 did not know or attend. Information was not distributed to CB9.

Parks and Landmarks Committee: H. Jason

- Family Day
- Movies Under the Stars
- 6/17 celebration for Juneteenth at St. Nicholas Park and Morningside Park
- Garbage cans on Riverside Drive
- Riverbank turning 30 celebration
- Spaces for summer camp are still open
- NYS Park Police had its first graduating class in 3 years. 12 new officers assigned
- Are tree guards being removed from empty plots/beds?
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-harlem-historic-preservation-conference-harlem-and-the-future-2-tickets-641060468117>

Housing and Land Use Committee: S.Mortensen

- Not present at this time.

Health and Environment Committee: L. Henry / E. Torres

- Clinical Trials
- Conducting research studies between Down syndrome and Alzheimer's
- BioScience Junior Scientist Internship Program
- 5G group (City Wide)
- Reso - Making sure services at 145th Street are not lost.
- Smoking laws are applicable to both marijuana and cigarettes.

Arts and Culture Committee: J. Signaub / D. Hardeman

- African Voices have events coming up
- Harlem Arts Alliance coming back - unity between CB9, 10, and 11.

- Committee goals for the upcoming year and funding requests
- Can the guard shack/information kiosk be utilized in Montefiore Park?
 - Utilities are still needed
- Need to be able to get information out. Utilize the CB9 youtube channel.

Economic Development/West Harlem Piers: Committee: J.Adewumi / M. Dunn

- . Recognizing special businesses in the West Harlem Community
 - 6 businesses will be honored prior to the General board meeting on June 15th from 3-6 PM

Strategic Planning Committee: V. Edwards

- Have not met this month
- Met with the DA office about illegal dispensaries
- Port-a-potty at Harlem Piers
- Met with Transit Division about vehicles parked on 145th and St. Nicholas
- Attended multi-cultural festival - kudos given to Joyce for pulling off a wonderful event

LGBTQ Task Force: J. Martin-Green

- Not Present at this time

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

- Letter to OCM
- Working on guidelines to be used to regulate approved businesses
- Carl has a block party on 123rd Street on 8/19 and would like to use the opportunity for educational events.
 - Community Board branding and tabling needed
- City College will have an education forum in July
- Farmers may be able to potentially sell marijuana at Farmers' Markets
- To submit a report of illegal cannabis sales to OCM:
 - <https://cannabis.ny.gov/report-an-incident>

ACTION ITEMS

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- D. Hardeman motions for Unanimous Consent. M. Hardin Cordero seconded. The remaining members approve. No objections. The resolution passes by Unanimous Consent.

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- M. Hardin Cordero motions for Unanimous Consent. D. Hardeman seconded. The remaining members approve. No objections. The renewals pass by Unanimous Consent.

OLD BUSINESS

- Nothing to bring up at this time .

NEW BUSINESS

- Letter to Adams regarding budget cuts to NYC Dept of Aging
 - Barry recommends that the letter be sent to City Council Speaker
 - T. Kovaleff motions for Unanimous Consent. M. Hardin Cordero seconded. The remaining members approve. No objections. The letter passes by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to adjourn by C. Thompson and seconded by E. Torres. The remaining board members were in agreement. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete