



Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday June 13th, 2024
6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

- I. Call to Order**
- Call to order made at 6:42 p.m. by Chair Edwards. Quorum achieved, members in attendance: (M.Dunn, C. Davis, V. Edwards, H. Jason, A. Robinson, S. Wilson, J. Adewumi, L. Henry, D. McIntosh Brown, E. Torres, S. Mortensen, M. Hardin-Cordero, B. Weinberg)
 - Virtual - T. Kovaleff, S. Prophete, W. Alexander, C. Sanford, Yuriy Menzak, Mark Irgang, Hamilton Heights Association (Edwin Torres), Yuien Chen, Audrey Wachs (NYCDCP), Damon McCulloch (NYCDCP), Jose Trucios (NYCDCP), Suzy (Interpreter), Edefe Okporo, KGreer
- II. Adopt Meeting Agenda**
- Motion to adopt agenda made by M. Dunn. Seconded by S. Wilson. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- III. Adopt Committee Minutes (from 05/09/24)**
- Motion to adopt minutes made by S. Wilson. Seconded by A. Robinson. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- IV. Chair's Report (V. Edwards)**
- Included in the distributed packet
 - We have a public hearing with the Department of City Planning
- V. Treasurer's Report (D. McIntosh-Brown)**
- Included in the distributed packet
- VI. District Manager's Report (E. Prince)**
- Included in the distributed packet
 - Zoya Abbad - leaving Assemblyman's Al Taylor's Office
 - Our DOB liaison transferred to Brooklyn
 - Want to wish all the fathers in attendance - "A Happy Father's Day!"
- VII. Committee Reports:**
- Arts & Culture (T. Lumley)
 - i. No one present at this time to give an update
 - Economic Development (J. Adewumi)
 - i. Presentation on the CBA allocation of money from 2008 going towards the Harlem Piers
 1. went to dedicated staff to help support the Harlem Piers
 2. However, the staff is not sufficient for the upkeep and needs to be supplemented by NYC staff
 3. Money is in escrow and should continue to last for another 10 years
 - ii. Harlem Rocket Ferry and Ferris Wheel



1. Did present at the Landmarks & Parks Committee Meeting last year per H. Jason - no resolution came out of it. Letter of Support was given for the Ferry only.
- o Uniform Services & Transportation (UST) (S. Prophete)
 - i. Committee did not have quorum present
 - ii. Discussed issues around 145th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue
 - iii. DOT Milling and Resurfacing coming to our district in August
 - iv. DOT installed 2 new speed bumps on Convent Avenue between 135th and 140th Street
 - v. 30th precinct talked about an increase in Moped related robberies
 - vi. Hamilton Heights Tenant Association attended and spoke about issues at 1627 Amsterdam Avenue
- o Landmarks & Parks (A. Robinson)
 - i. Many Juneteenth Celebrations coming up throughout our district parks
 - ii. Kota Alliance proposal - it was voted down
 1. LPC reached out to Committee Chairs saying Architects had an issue presenting
 2. Kota did not attend the committee meeting in May. They want to present in June.
 3. The Committee Meeting is full for June. We may want to consider letting them present during June General Board Meeting
- o Housing and Land Use (S. Mortensen)
 - i. Did not have June meeting yet - will take place next week (Monday)
- o Youth, Education and Libraries (S. Wilson)
 - i. Did not have June meeting yet - will take place next week
- o Senior Action (W. Alexander)
 - i. DOT Outreach - Zero Vision, George Bruce Library Reopening, Morningside Alliance - Open Streets on LaSalle Street,
 - ii. Early Voting starts on June 15th, voting ends on June 25th
- o Health (L. Henry)
 - i. Will discuss and present multiple resolutions later on
- o Strategic Planning (V. Edwards)
 - i. Will meet later this month
 - ii. Discussing CBA and long-term concerns
- o Cannabis Task Force (M. Hardin-Cordero)
 - i. Lt. Salvia provided updates on Operation Padlock - closing of illegal smoke shops
 - ii. City College Webinar Series

VIII. Action Item(s):

1. Ratification of Letter of Support re: "Homes Now" Budget to invest \$2.5 Billion over five years into City Capital Budget for Permanent Affordable Housing
 - a. Chair Edwards asked that we come back to discuss



- b. B. Weinberg gave some context to the request
 - c. HPD Rep. Leroy Williams came to us at the last minute
 - d. Should we consider retracting the original letter of support?
2. Ratification of Letting Opposing Budget Cuts re: Emma L. Bowen Community Service Center Rainbow Clubhouse
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry
 - b. Members attended large rally at City Hall
 - c. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
3. Reso re: City of Yes "COY" Zoning for Housing Opportunity Text Amendments
 - a. Still need to review
 - b. Putting on hold per Strategic Planning Committee
 - c. Deadline is 6/30 to provide feedback
4. Reso re: Strategic Planning - Partnership with Columbia University in addressing shared Community Issues
 - a. Worked on by Strategic Planning
 - b. Still needs to finalized before General Board Meeting
5. Reso re: Combatting the Critical Threat of Rechargeable Battery Fires to Protect Our Community
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry
 - b. Richie Torres is sponsoring a bill
 - c. Friendly Amendment given
 - d. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by M. Dunn. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
6. Reso re: Support and Advocacy for NYC Municipal Retirees, Urging NYC Council to Pass Int. 1099-2023
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry
 - b. Motion for unanimous consent by S. Wilson, seconded by B. Weinberg. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
7. Reso re: Promoting Environmental Sustainability and Public Health Through Increased Tree Planting and Education
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry
 - b. Motion for unanimous consent by M. Dunn, seconded by B. Weinberg. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
8. Reso re: Opposition of City's Budget Cuts to HIV Programs
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry
 - b. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by S. Wilson. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
9. Reso re: Demanding NYC Government halt its use of pesticides purported to reduce spread of the West Nile Virus
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry



- b. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by D. Brown. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
10. Reso re: Housing Insecurity (Stress) and Court System Burdens for Tenants in CB9, NYC
 - a. Worked on by the Health Committee, presented by L. Henry
 - b. Friendly Amendment given
 - c. Motion for unanimous consent by M. Dunn, seconded by S. Wilson. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
11. Reso re: Support of the Community Land Trust Act
 - a. Presented by B. Weinberg
 - b. Motion for unanimous consent by M. Dunn, seconded by S. Wilson. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.

New Liquor License Application(s):

12. Reso re: Lee Heritage Media, LLC - 750A St. Nicholas Avenue NY, NY 10031
 - a. Questionnaire filled out
 - b. No objections from 30th Precinct
 - c. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by M. Dunn. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
13. Reso re: La Flor De Broadway, 3395 Broadway NY, NY 10031
 - a. Questionnaire filled out
 - b. No objections from 30th Precinct
 - c. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by M. Dunn. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to June 2024 General Board Meeting.
14. Reso re: 1627-1635 Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant and Bar LLC - 1627-1635 Amsterdam Avenue NY, NY 10031
 - a. New owners came to UST meeting
 - b. Location still has outstanding issues and violations open
 - c. Tenants in the building came to the UST meeting to complain about noise during renovation work
 - d. UST does not believe a license should be given until open and existing violations are corrected
 - e. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by M. Dunn. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Does not pass to the June 2024 General Board Meeting.

Liquor License Renewal(s):

15. Reso re: Hamilton's VPK, LLC - 3570 Broadway NY, NY 10031
 - No objections from 30th precinct. Clean SLA report for above applications
 - B. Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. S. Wilson seconds the motion.



- Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Renewal application approved to move to the June 2024 General Board Meeting.

OCM-MCB9 Guidelines for the Review of Cannabis Applications:

16. Reso re: Guidelines for the Review of Cannabis Related Applications

- a. Friendly amendment made by D. Hardeman
- b. Motion for unanimous consent by M. Dunn, seconded by S. Wilson. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to the June 2024 General Board Meeting.

X. Old/New Business:

- Public Hearing on City of Yes “COY” (See Public Hearing Notice)
 - Presentation given by Audrey Wachs, DCP
 - any questions or follow ups - please contact awachs@planning.nyc.gov (212-720-3302)
 - NYC plans to modernize and update our city’s zoning regulations to support small businesses, create affordable housing, and promote sustainability – part of Mayor Eric Adams’ vision for a more inclusive, equitable “City of Yes.”
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/city-of-yes/city-of-yes-overview.page>
 - https://www.youtube.com/live/DUOH2tY_qhQ?si=LroNB41WC6KozFkL
 - <https://www.nytimes.com/2024/06/06/nyregion/nyc-city-of-yes-zoning-proposals-housing-manufacturing.html>
 - Started at 7:07 PM, Ended at 8:42 PM

XI. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by V. Edwards. Seconded by W. Alexander. All committee members agree.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete