

**Manhattan Community Board 9
Executive Committee - March 12, 2020**

Second Vice Chair Victor Edwards called meeting to attention at 6:40PM. Due to COVID-19 social distancing measures and other precautions, many members were excused, and there was not a quorum.

Health committee, Miriam Aristy-Farer

DEP responded to inquiry about pipes/infrastructure under the streets, which she will forward. 100 cases of COVID-19 in NYC.

CEC2 asking to shut down District 2 schools (including Beacon, where her son attends).

Key is not all getting sick at once by slowing the spread. 1,000 cases predicted by next week.

This could be a 6-month struggle. City has 5K respirators.

Price gouging by retailers a known problem, but distributors are also price gouging retailers.

Economic Development, Joyce Adewumi

12th Avenue meeting cancelled.

Met with Columbia about space for Floridita and Dinosaur BBQ to open satellite locations on campus. Also important to give local vendors space.

Harlem Vendors Project (Harlem Park to Park) has been a bad experience for community.

Youth, Education, & Libraries, Deirdre McIntosh-Brown

Principal Verdiner from TCCS held webinar with chancellor to develop online contingency plan for remote learning. Surveyed at-home technology for students. Sending home packed lunch, and preparing safety kits if students need to stay in school.

Coronavirus highlights school inequities: TCCS has one part-time nurse shared with another school.

Discussion followed with concerns about senior centers and nursing homes, and the need to check in on local seniors and deliver supplies for them under widespread quarantine situation.

Applies specifically to older board members.

MAF said folks should work from home and put a plan in place.

Members had concerns about census outreach and awareness, and hope for postponement or longer timeframe.

District Manager

Rep. Espaillat had virtual town hall. Sen. Jackson has one upcoming. Picked decor for new CB9 office at Broadway and 133rd. P-card application from DCAS for direct purchases is moving ahead. At the moment, March 2020 General Board Meeting is on as scheduled, but will check with Fortune Society.

VE concerned about GBM location because upstairs at Castle Gardens is tight space, and many residents are potentially vulnerable.

Riverbank could be a staging area for emergencies.

Edwin Torres (Health Committee) is nurse practitioner at Montefiore. Shared that WHO offered test kits which Trump admin rejected. COVID-19 has high mortality rate for older adults and those with respiratory conditions. Can learn from 1918 Spanish flu. Young adults are vectors because they can spread without getting sick.

Meeting ended at 7:22PM.