

Executive Committee Meeting

09 March 2023 / 6:30 PM / ZOOM

ATTENDEES

CB9 - Eutha Prince, Madison Ayala, Barry Weinberg, Victor Edwards, Joyce Adewumi, LaQuita Henry, Monique Hardin-Cordero, Carolyn Thompson, Ted Kovaleff, Heather Jason, Patricia Watler Johnson, Walter Alexander, Daria Hardeman, Solomon Prophete, Edwin Torres, Jonatan Sinagub, Signe Mortensen, Deirdre McIntosh-Brown, John-Martin Green, Carlton Davis, Sean Farrow, Shaneeka Wilson

Guests -

Note: official roll-call taken by T. Kovaleff

AGENDA

- Executive Committee Meeting Agenda;
- Executive Committee Minutes (02/09/23);
- Chair's Report; (will be shared at the meeting)
- Treasurer's Report;
- District Manager's Report;
- Action Item(s):

1. **LOS re: Marine Transfer Station as a Cannabis Education Center with community Hydroponic Grow and Aquatic Education**

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8. **Energy Efficiency Letter of Support**

9. **R4 Zoning Resolution**

- Committee Minutes
- Flyers and Announcements
- April - 2023 Calendar

NOTES

- Quorum reached at 6:36 PM. The meeting was called to order by B. Weinberg.
- 18 members in attendance.
- Meeting Agenda was amended by Laquita Henry/Edwin Torres and adopted unanimously by all members.
- Minutes from 2/09/23 were adopted. Moved by C. Thompson and Seconded by D. Hardeman. Minutes were adopted unanimously by all members.

Chair Report: B. Weinberg

- Mayor has released the new 2023 budget proposal
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/omb/publications/finplan01-23.page>
- Up to CB9 to submit comments
- CB Members should review Preliminary Capital Budget
- Follow up with OMB to ensure our district projects are still funded - we need to fight and be VOCAL for our priorities
- City Council Budget Negotiating Team will respond to the Mayor's budget proposal
- Look at Geographic Expense Report for our district
- Non-profits and Schools should look into funding from Council Member Offices
- Community Board Applications are open. Some members need to reapply.
- Review the Summary (Powerpoint)
- Review the Financial Plan Detail and Departmental Estimates
- Look at the DYCD budget
- Look at Budget Function Analysis (might be a good place to start)
- Direct funding as a community board is in the departmental estimates

Treasurer's Report: C. Thompson

- No changes to the report at this time.
- Any committee chairs needing funds should send a budget and proposal to Carolyn, Jonathan, and Barry for review
- DCAS messed up our rent payment.

District Manager's Report: E. Prince

- Report included in the meeting invite
- Mr. Brody Brunstrom (Government and Community Affairs) acknowledged via telephone the letter sent to Mt. Sinai about pediatric care. They will respond formally to the letter.
- Madison and Eutha toured with Lyle Blackwood (DOT) to assess areas that need resurfacing.
- Bus pad requests and repairs are needed. Eutha will work with US&T.

- Surveyed the area where the auto body shop is on 134th Street between Broadway and Amsterdam. They smelled fumes from paint and power washing cars. Construction on the block - causing lots of traffic and overcrowding issues.
- Meeting with several city agencies taking place on Wednesday, March 20th, 2023 at 4 PM at the District Office
- Community Board Appointments are now open for new and existing members seeking reappointment
- SYEP applications are open. Please pass on the information.
- To all chairs and co-chairs of committees - Please submit outstanding minutes as soon as possible. Eutha will be doing an audit with Kim.

Committee/Task Force Reports

Housing and Land Use Committee: S.Mortensen

- Presentation from Jemberlyn Batista from NMIC (Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation)
- R4 zoning proposal by Barry.
- Upcoming meeting will include a presentation from AIDS Housing Foundation re: hotels they bought on 145th Street, JustHousing from MHCC, and Martin Collins on 1735 Amsterdam Ave.
- Meeting with Vince Morgan re WHDC HDPC Resource Center.

Parks and Landmarks Committee: H. Jason

- Riverbank Park
 - Biannual Community Garden lottery February 25th.
 - Over 300 people. Normally 2:1 ratio, but now much bigger. 52 of the 65 beds went to new people. 30 more gardeners were put on the waitlist. Next garden meeting in mid-March at the park to sign agreements, identify alternates, and then begin gardening in early April.
 - Ongoing construction projects include the athletics locker room (demo completed, plumbing and ductwork ongoing) which is on time, and open by June.
 - In May, the natatorium locker room project will begin, which will last 14 months or so. June 17th is the day they will celebrate the park's 30th anniversary.
 - Women's Month film series in March.
- On March 12th, the Hort is having a seed celebration/giveaway.
- Jacob Schiff Park seating area reconstruction is still underway, expected to be completed by summer.
- Morningside and St. Nicholas Parks also have Harlem Youth Gardeners summer jobs, paying \$18/hour, 14+ years. Reviewed CBA

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

- Extensive meeting, presentation by Savonna Bailey-McClain board member of New York City Performance Partners for Sacred Spaces, based in Philadelphia.
 - Looking for churches with space (and are structurally sound) to allow performers to use their space for rehearsals, performances, lectures, demonstrations, etc.
 - Encouraged them to look at storefront churches as well.
- Taeesha Small from WEACTION came.
 - Marine Transfer Station was discussed.
- Money from Columbia re: West Harlem Piers. \$50k was unaccounted for in the Parks Department report.

- Comfort stations are supposed to be at West Harlem Piers. Also discussed upcoming awards ceremony.

Senior Issues Committee: W. Alexander

- “Mama I Want To Sing” musical outing with seniors on March 2nd, 2023.
- Community Advisory Board from Harlem Hospital presented on budget cuts to HH and other public hospitals.
 - Amanda Jacobs 212-939-1369 (amanda.jacobs@nyc.hhc.org) to testify at tomorrow’s presentation.
- Senior Resource Day will be May 2nd at ~11am.
- Invitees include WHDC, Eric Adams, and other agencies and institutions.
- Dwight Stevenson and Michelle Howard from Osborne Society reported on re-entry programs and reforms.
- Operation Popcorn from HH CAB (Jerell Peeker).
- 1 person who appeared was Mr. Stew Reed from Digital Divide Partners and the Smart Communities Initiative.

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

- 7 presenters (many WHDC grants).
- Boys and Girls Club partnering with Apple to provide a 6-week coding class for middle and high schoolers.
- Liberty Leads (out of Bank Street since 1979) has out-of-school programs from 5th through 12th grade, primarily oriented at college prep, but also other post-secondary options (homework help, mentorship, college tours, etc.).
- Riverbank State Park empowerment fair in April.
- Next week, DYCD will be coming to speak about SYEP.
 - Many organizations are experiencing difficulty hiring people (due to funds and a lack of candidates with the right experiences/certifications).
- Science and Arts Initiative of New York (Harlem Science Gallery at City College) is working with a new gaming initiative at A. Phillip Randolph.

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

- February 28th - COVID Literacy Survey
- Biomedical Genetic Research Project Database
 - Affiliated with CUMC and Weill Cornell
 - Asking members in our community to donate their DNA for study
 - Still need to find out more information
- 1727 Amsterdam Avenue Project
 - Low income/affordable and supportive housing
 - Health services and facilities would be moved out
 - Did not do a CB9 Health Study/Assessment
- WeACT presented on their energy efficiency bill that is the subject for one of our letters of support.
- Osborne group presented to the committee.
- Community members in attendance complained about idling vehicles and their impacts on asthma.

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

- 42 people attended the meeting on March 6th
 - a lot from TAG Youth (teens against guns).
- We have had some issues with committee members not attending (particularly new members).
 - Also having problems getting members to volunteer to do minutes.
- Michael Palma gave an update on the West Harlem Arts Alliance “serving West Harlem community for now.”
- RKO Hamilton on hold.
- 17 presentations this month.
 - 3 of the first 4 are from downtown.

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

- Met with tenants of 695 St. Nicholas Ave.
- 145th Street corridor issues, bus stop, traffic, etc.
- Approved liquor license applications before us.

Strategic Planning Committee: V. Edwards

- Followed up on elevator issue on 125th.
- MBA student advising is in the CBA.
- Reminded them of the senior dental van.
- Reviewed CBA portions with Zead Ramadan and WHDC’s role.

LGBTQ Committee: J. Martin-Green

- Met on February 23rd, and spoke about resuming the quest for using HONDA funding to work with CBO and acquire Ellington Hotel as supportive housing for SGL/LGBTQ youth and/or elders.
- Chad Franklin, Director of the Options Center at Goddard Riverside, offered to connect with the Exec Director of Goddard Riverside.
- Forming a committee to erect a monument to Audre Lorde across from 626 Riverside Drive, reaching out to other cultural institutions to assist.
- JMG met with one of the proprietors of the Chipped Cup to resume community education and engagement.
- Moving meetings to 4th Tuesday of the month.

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

- Continuing to collaborate with other Community Boards
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/176F6w9XW0LjTAxNqWrWSvhO6V-fl1wui?usp=share_link
- Working on a Letter of Comment to OCM
- Thursday 4/20 event will move to Tuesday 4/18. Columbia will host the event at the Forum

- Look at Marine Transfer Station to cultivate legal dispensaries and provide Cannabis education

ACTION ITEMS**Letter of Support:**

- **1. LOS re: Marine Transfer Station as a Cannabis Education Center with community Hydroponic Grow and Aquatic Education**
 - Needs more discussion/details. Awaiting feedback and collaboration.

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Letter of Support:

- **8. Energy Efficiency Letter of Support**
 - Moved to add to Gen. Board Meeting by T. Kovaleff, Seconded by M. Hardin Cordero. The Executive Board unanimously approves to bring to General Board Meeting.
- **9. R4 Zoning Resolution**
 - Heather Jason votes no. All the rest of the exec. board members vote yes. The board approves bringing this to the next General Board Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Hookah Bar regulations
 - Need licenses to operate
 - Do permits need to come to the community board?
 - Smoking indoors
 - Burning charcoal releases carbon monoxide
 - May need to reach out to Department of Health

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

- TBD - Thursday, April 13th, 2023

Motion to adjourn by C. Thompson and seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete & T. Kovaleff