



**Executive Committee Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday March 14th, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)**

**I. Call to Order**

- Call to attention was made at 6:37 p.m. by Chair Edwards. Quorum not achieved yet.
- Call to order made at 6:47 p.m. by Chair Edwards. Quorum achieved 11/19 members in attendance (J. Adewumi, W. Alexander, C. Davis, V. Edwards, L. Henry, H. Jason, T. Lumley, S. Mortensen, S. Prophete, A. Robinson, C. THompson, B. Weinberg, S. Wilson)
- Excused - D. McKintosh-Brown, D. Hardeman, M. Hardin-Cordero, T. Kovaleff

**II. Adopt Meeting Agenda**

- Proposed amendments to the distributed agenda
  - i. Salute to Healthcare Workers Resolution Added
  - ii. Resolution to Support NYS Bill A4781
  - iii. Letter supporting 501 West 143rd Street (Article 11)
  - iv. Motion to adopt amended agenda by S. Wilson, seconded by S. Prophete.Agenda adopted by members present.

**III. Adopt Committee Minutes (from 02/08/2024)**

- Motion to adopt minutes made by S. Mortensen. Seconded by C. Thompson. Minutes are adopted by members present.

**IV. Discussion/Review:**

- Attendance Reviews still being conducted
  - i. Moved into Executive Session at 6:53 p.m.
  - ii. Received five (5) resignations
  - iii. Reviewing attendance of P. Ramos and C. Ramirez
  - iv. They did not respond to email, phone calls, or certified letter
  - v. Bylaws only permit us to grant leave of absence (LOA) for health issues
  - vi. Executive board votes on removal of P. Ramos
    - 1. Unanimous consent moved by B. Weinberg, seconded by C. Thompson. Motion agreed to by all present
  - vii. Executive board votes on removal of C. Ramirez
    - 1. Unanimous consent moved by W. Alexander, seconded by S. Wilson. Motion agreed to by all present
  - viii. Executive session ended at 7:01 p.m.
- Health forum at the Forum coming up on Sat 3/16, need volunteers
  - i. Edwin is covering food. He needs to be reimbursed, tax-exempt letter should be used
- Discretionary budget requests needed - must spend money by 6/30
  - i. funds must be used for community outreach
  - ii. expenses cannot be more than \$1,000 per committee
- Our purchasing credit card just came in
  - i. submit invoice(s) to Eutha



- An idea is having an open house for the community (a big forum)

**V. Chair's Report**

- Included in packet
- Received phone call from Director of City Planning - thanked us for our input of the "City of Yes" resolution
- Dept of Sanitation Update - Spoke to Deputy Mayor, Sheena Wright regarding containerization pilot.
- 149th Street Tenant Association submitted FOIA request regarding the pilot data
- Montefiore Park Forum upcoming meeting on 3/27 at City College
- BRC meeting with parents association on 145th Street
- NYC has Heritage Health in court, possibly trying to evict them
- Please review 2025 Budget Commentary Letter

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

- Included in packet
- Deidre is not feeling well tonight. May join virtually.
- Ms. Thompson is delivering the report.
- No changes in the budget at this time.

**VII. District Manager's Report**

- Included in the distributed packet
- Eutha Prince is out tonight attending a funeral.

**VIII. Committee Reports:**

- Arts & Culture
  - i. Need submissions for City Art Project
  - ii. Presentation by Harlem Arts Alliance
  - iii. Presentation by Harlem Late Night Jazz
  - iv. Presentation by Teens Against Gun Violence (TAG)
- Economic Development
  - i. John McGregor - needs assistance with financing and space
  - ii. Upcoming Economic Conference / small business forum on 4/27/2024
    - 1. need breakout rooms, looking to use The Columbia Forum
    - 2. Chair also meeting with City College Provost
- Uniform, Transportation, and Services (UTS)
  - i. NYPD PSA6 and 30th Precinct attended
    - 1. increase in moped related robberies
  - ii. NYPD 26th Precinct was not able to attend
  - iii. NYC DOT attended and spoke about the OpenStreets program and resurfacing and milling to begin. Walkthrough with the district office.
  - iv. Working on SLA Form - need to put it on the CB9 website to get feedback on the applicants (based on CB4)
  - v. Captain Rose will come to April Gen. Board Meeting
- Landmarks & Parks
  - i. District Supervisor for National Parks attended
    - 1. now have attendance from City, State, and Federal park administrators
  - ii. New representative for Historic Parks Preservation
  - iii. Harlem Sculpture Garden taking place this summer
  - iv. Bway Mall Association - plant restoration for 120th and 121st Streets



1. Community Gardening with Green Thumb
- v. Preservation Conference @ City College took place last Saturday
- o Housing and Land Use
  - i. Will talk about proposed resolutions later on
  - ii. Tuesday there was a CBA meeting
    1. Improve escalators at 125th St. and Bway
    2. Figuring out how to put elevators in
    3. Columbia has engineering consultant assessing
    4. Needs funding from Columbia and the State
  - iii. Marine Transfer Station
  - iv. Fairway Site
  - v. 135th and 12th Ave - zombie project
  - vi. Hard Budget for WHDC ends 2029/2030 - impacts in-kind benefits
  - vii. Budget Hearings on-going at City Council
    1. Lobby council members & mayor's office
    2. Advocate for parks, schools, and senior centers
- o Youth, Education and Libraries
  - i. HEATH having a forum on 3/23 - asking for volunteers
  - ii. Harlem Business Alliance presented on Young Bosses of Harlem program
  - iii. Riverside Hawks (Alicia Barksdale) - 100% of seniors graduate HS and are accepted to college.
  - iv. BPC event for Financial Aid for Diversity on Thursday 3/21 @ 3:30 p.m.
- o Senior Action
  - i. Presentation by Tony Gonzalez with Arts & Minds
    1. harness the power of art to inspire and engage people with dementia and their care partners. Services free to the public.
  - ii. Presentation by Messiah Ramkisson with Youth Justice Network
    1. help serve youth between 16 to 24 returning from prison and help them return to society
    2. partnering with Fortune Society. Need volunteers.
  - iii. John McGregor wants to open a bookstore in Harlem. Requesting assistance from MCB9 in finding funding for this purpose.
  - iv. Senior Resource Fair coming up in May
- o Health
  - i. Public Forum on Saturday - starts at 11am until 4pm (need volunteers)
  - ii. Youth committee exhibits - brochure with QR code
  - iii. Help needed to record discussions/presentations
    1. show presentations on YouTube
  - iv. CUNY School of Public Health
    1. 245,000 people die of medical error
    2. Need to empower community and protect institutions
    3. Need better quality of produce
- o Cannabis Task Force
  - i. Did not meet last month
  - ii. Will be meeting in late March



**IX. Action Item(s):**

1. Resolution re: Mayoral Preliminary Budget NYC Department of Parks & Recreation \$60 Million Budget Cut
  - a. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by W. Alexander. Passes to March 2024 General Board Meeting.
2. Letter of Support re: Farmer's Market in Montefiore Park Plaza (NYC Grow)
  - i. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by W. Alexander. Passes to March 2024 General Board Meeting.
3. Resolution re: Healthcare Workers Salute
  - a. pandemic appreciation - recognizing 4 year mark
  - b. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by W. Alexander. Passes to March 2024 General Board Meeting.
4. Resolution re: In support of Assembly Bill A4781
  - a. Motion for unanimous consent by S. Mortensen, seconded by W. Alexander. Passes to March 2024 General Board Meeting.
5. Letter of Support re: 541 West 143rd Street (HDFC)
  - a. Owe back taxes
  - b. Get financial footing by getting full tax abatement via article 11
  - c. Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by W. Alexander. Passes to March 2024 General Board Meeting.

New Liquor License Application(s):

1. Little Street Lounge, 126 Hamilton Place, NY, NY 10031
2. El Meson II Restaurant, 3517 Broadway, NY, NY 10031
  - No objections from NYPD 30th precinct.
  - Flagrant illegal shed on corner of 144th Street and Broadway. Call DOT re: shed
  - Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by W. Alexander. Passes to March 2024 General Board Meeting.

Liquor License Renewal(s):

1. Chopped Parsley, 500 West 146th Street, NY, NY 10031
  2. 1600 Amsterdam Harlem Group LLC aka Fumo, 1588-1600 Amsterdam Avenue, NY, NY 10031
  3. The Heights Bar & Grill, 2867 Broadway 2nd Floor, NY, NY 10027
  4. Dun Huang Upper West, 1288 Amsterdam Avenue, NY, NY 10027
  5. Arts & Crafts Beer Parlor, 1133-1135 Amsterdam Avenue, NY, NY 10027
  6. Jin Ramen Hamilton Heights Corp., 3599 Broadway, NY, NY 10027
- No objections from NYPD 26th or 30th precinct. Clean SLA report for above applications
  - B. Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. W. Alexander seconds the motion.



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

Class Change(s):

1. 4 Brothers Food Market & Deli Inc., 1712 Amsterdam Avenue, NY, NY 10031
2. Sugar Hill Cafe, 410 West 145th Street, NY, NY 10031
  - Already licensed for beer, wine, cider - now adding liquor
  - No objections from 30th precinct
  - B. Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. S. Mortensen seconds the motion.
  - Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Class Changes approved to move to March 2024 General Board Meeting.

**X. Old/New Business:**

- No old/new business at this time

**XI. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by W. Alexander. Seconded by S. Mortensen. All committee members agree.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

***Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 11th, 2024***

***Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete***