

Manhattan Community Board 9
Executive Committee Meeting
May 14, 2020

As it had been established that there was more than a quorum, the Chair BW identified all the participants in the Zoom meeting at 6:40.

TK/VE: to adopt the agenda - UNAM

The DM announced that the budget requests were being done 1-1 virtually. BW stressed that all chairs should be involved. Be relevant. All should know of our interests.

They will be cutting to the muscle in the budget. We must agitate for funds. The bill has to get through the Senate. If there is going to be a big cut, we must get promise that they will do the project when there is money.

Chair's Report, Barry Weinberg

Written report to come; has been working on the budget. Please let me know about your mtgs with commissioners.

Contact NYCHA re our concerns: Physical plant, sanit, security. Sanit working on closed streets. Call 311 if you see price gouging. If you have a rent prob call for help, don't let them try to evict you

Treasurer's Report, April Tyler

Report in packet. Few expenditures as the office has been closed, some for leases of equipment. Note that we will be using the \$42.5k for virtual outreach. Kim to get data from others CBs and committee chair interactions.

We will be spending monies on equipment for our new office; we expect to move in 9/20. Board needs an additional portable projector and a ceiling-mounted projector in the meeting room. Board will still endeavor to distribute school supplies for fall Back to School event, taking precautions for social distancing.

District Manager's Report, Eutha Prince

Discussion of creating an artistic wall installation of CB heroes for the new district office. District office continues to work remotely and share eblasts and social media posts.

Mayor's office is distributing masks throughout the district; block associations can get in touch if they need masks. Thanks to Isaiah Jenkins for assistance in distributing them. Mayor's office is issuing tablets to seniors in NYCHA housing to help keep in touch with loved ones.

Citibike expansion and free 1-year membership for essential workers. NYPL providing free online tutoring. Absentee ballot applications can be submitted now for June 23 primary.

Committee Reports

Arts & Culture, Harriet Rosebud

Meeting with city and local officials including Rep. Espaillat to meet with arts community about funding for arts organizations and individual artists. Shared resources that will receive some funding. Rep. Espaillat laid out five-point plan to support arts, small businesses, and health issues. Committee will issue a letter of support.

Health & Environment, Miriam Aristy-Farer

Presenting reso on providing more PPE. Returned to opioid crisis discussion. Department of Health has not been a priority for the city, and even now healthcare is being cut. Difficult to pinpoint capital investments but still important.

Housing, Land Use & Zoning, April Tyler

Held a virtual forum around tenants' rights. Sen. Gianaris discussed bill on to address rent payments. Sen. Jackson gave overview of housing legislation in Albany.

Economic Development, Joyce Adewumi

Focused on government stimulus packages (PPP and EIDL). Reached out to Columbia professor who was providing information, which the committee passed on to local businesses. Working with CB9 staff and MBPO to get a list of small businesses in CB9, to reach out and find out what their needs are.

Landmarks and Parks, Anthony Carrion

Approved a letter of support for a window master plan. Proposed eight streets for open streets initiative to facilitate social distancing, and shared list with Uniformed Services & Transportation.

Uniformed Services & Transportation, Carolyn Thompson

Discussion on windows that needed to be replaced at 26 precinct. Discussed restaurant liquor license renewals. Sent suggested street closures on to the city, including Edgecombe Avenue.

Youth, Education, & Libraries, Shaneeka Wilson

Recent presentations: advocate for restoring SYEP: City council will have budget hearing on May 21 which people can attend to show support. Disproportionately affects black and brown students and young women. City supported \$130M / \$180M to run program. Presentation on virtual NYC Kids Fest (usually outdoors) over June 20-21, please spread the word. Presentation on PUMP initiative by Alicia Barksdale, which will include mentorship.

Senior Issues, Anthony Fletcher

Presentation from MPBO's April Adams on city's efforts to combat COVID-19. Check nyc.gov and MBPO's website for information. Presentation by Johanna Garcia from Sen. Jackson's office to discuss budget deficits: urged to lobby federal government for additional subsidies. Dept. of Aging presented on mayor's food czar to oversee distribution of meals to seniors. Plan to hold remembrance of Earnestine Welch on May 26.

Executive Committee, Victor Edwards

Working with Osborne Foundation on reentry program. Trying to secure vacant space on 125th for program for people returning from incarceration including construction jobs training program. Concerned about unjust arrest of Jill Nelson, a 67-year old woman arrested for chalk graffiti, and other harassment of people of color. Remember that eviction moratorium does not mean free rent; will still need to be paid at end of moratorium.

Action Items (Y-N-A-PNEV)

Action Item 1 (Health committee) on city PPE stockpile passes 17-0-0-0.

Action Item 2 (Health committee) inviting OASAS to meet board about narcotic treatment passes 17-0-0-0.

Action Item 3 (YEL committee) opposing proposed school budget cuts passes 17-0-0-0.

Action Item 4 urging federal representatives to pass relief bills providing unemployment, rent, and mortgage relief passes 15-0-0-1. TK PNEV because of financial interest as a landlord; wants to avoid a conflict.

Housing committee will present another resolution on proposed state legislation at full board next week.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.