



Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 9th, 2025
6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

- I. **Call to Order/Attendance:**
 - Attendance was taken by the 1st Vice Chair, Monique Hardin-Cordero. Attendance sign-in sheet collected by Eutha Prince. A quorum was met, and the meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Chair V. Edwards.
- II. **Adopt Meeting Agenda:**
 - Motion to adopt the agenda made by W. Alexander. Seconded by T. Kovaleff. The agenda is adopted by the members present.
- III. **Adopt Exec. Committee Minutes (from 09/11/2025):**
 - Motion to adopt minutes made by W. Alexander. Seconded by D. Hardeman. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- IV. **Presentations/Discussions/Updates:**
 - Discussion/Update on WHDC
 - Zead Ramadan (Executive Director) - former CB12 chair, on CB for 15 years
 - WHDC was given \$76 million over 16 years (2009-2024)
 - Over 1/2 (half) of the money is still there.
 - T. Kovaleff helped WHDC invest wisely
 - Investment gains - ~\$10 million
 - The gift that keeps on giving
 - Finite Not for Profits orgs
 - Most in Central Harlem
 - Money is being spent for the betterment of West Harlem
 - Currently, WHDC has 6 employees.
 - At our height, they had 10 employees.
 - Operating expenses have been kept low
 - Continuing to invest and keep WHDC going
 - West Harlem Arts Alliance (WHAA)
 - West Harlem Older Adults (WHOA) Center
 - CBA does not require to serve the older elder community
 - Provide services to make them happy and engaged
 - Under served community/population
 - Uptown Night Market - #1 outdoor market in Manhattan
 - Promote West Harlem - build it, serve it
 - Community based grants - \$1.6 million distributed - 40 youth programs



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- Fencing, Pickleball, Ice Skating, Tennis, Boys & Girls Club
- Riverside Hawks
- Jackie Robinson Museum
- Supporting Cultural Events
- National Night Out
- 102 Organizations got funding
- In Kind services at Columbia - apply to use a conference room, theater, space needed
- Real estate investment - got \$2.34 Million dollars back
 - 644 Riverside Drive
 - Needed an interest free loan for building repairs and capital expenses
 - Cautious about lending out money
 - Creating generational wealth
- Judge Tingling, Chair of Board
- Tonight is the last Uptown Night Market. Has been running for 5 years.
- IN kind component - 30 years
- \$10 million for Housing
- Phase 2 has not started yet
- Pushback to use the Forum - has to make fiscal sense
 - In Kind Application is on the Columbia website
 - A log of rejections and acceptations
 - Selective criteria
- Advice and guidance component of CBA
- Does Columbia have a responsibility to provide internal resources?
- Need fundraising
- Development Director
 - Strategic Plan
- CBGs
 - Apply in May
 - Review
 - Notify by the end of summer
 - CBGs received grant money in September
 - They have to present to CB9 in October, November, December, and January
 - Midterm Report due in Late January
 - Could we (the CB) have a public hearing forum?
- Barry Weinberg, Ted Kovaledge, Pat Watler Johnson, Rev. Morgan Thomas, Larry English on WHDC
- RKO Theater
 - Landlord - Ashinkaze Group
 - Meeting this summer, project proposal



V. Reports:

1. Chair's Report (Hon. Victor Edwards)

- The report is included in the packet
 - Public Hearing - 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
 - 100 people in person, 50-60 on Zoom
 - Many voices were heard
 - Rally on Saturday 10/11 at 1pm
 - 2 New CB9 Co-Chairs
 - Veronica Savage joined by Marquis Bell
 - Dejon Delpino joining Chris Johnson
 - Honoring Bill Perkins - Street Co-Naming Ceremony
 - MHCC march to bring awareness
 - Community access to the Columbia campus
 - Working with Sen. Cleare to have Columbia release rent stabilized housing for CB9
 - Toured Automatic Public Toilet (APT) Site with DOT and NYPD 26th Precinct

2. Treasurer's Report (Hon. Deidre McIntosh-Brown)

- The report is included in the distributed packet
 - New Discretionary Request Form
 - Submit Proposal and Form
 - Balance for Discretionary Funds is \$14,227.29
 - Translator Services
 - Headsets for people in person
 - Sign Language Services
- Budget Requests/Priorities due on Halloween
- Each committee should be reviewing needs statement (narrative) and priorities

3. District Manager's Report (Ms. Eutha Prince)

- The report is included in the distributed packet
 - Hamilton Heights Alliance Meeting - Tuesday 10/14 10 AM
 - LinkNYC - free and outdoor cost ads
 - Committee Co-Chairs, See Eutha for more information
 - FDNY Event(s) - Firehouses open from 11 am-1pm on 10/18 & 10/19
 - Tours of Engines
 - MCB9 closed on 10/13 - Indigenous People's Day
 - Calendar for November 2025 and December 2025 released and shared
 - Review conflicts with holidays



- Holiday Lights are on November 18th

4. BID Update (Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero & Hon. Chris Johnson)

- Chris Johnson stepped away from that to do Strategic Planning full time
- BID is actively working on getting representation from businesses to participate
- Next BID meeting coming up later this month

5. Committee Reports

- Manhattan Borough President's Office (MBPO) - Training dates coming up
- Motion to table committee reports by D. Hardeman and seconded by T. Kovaleff. The remaining executive board members agree.
- Legionnaire's Bill passed this morning
 - Vigil for people who passed away. Most of them were in CB10
- Landmarks - Public Art unveiling on 10/19 Greg Tate

VI. Action Item(s):

- 1. LOS re: Automatic Public Toilet (APT)
 - presented by UST Committee
 - motion for unanimous consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by T. Kovaleff.
 - LOS passes to October 2025 General Board Meeting for consideration
- 2. LOS re: St. Nicholas Park - 136th Street Staircase Renovation
 - presented by Parks
 - motion for unanimous consent made by D. Hardeman, seconded by W. Alexander
 - LOS passes to October 2025 General Board Meeting for consideration

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

- 3. Bird in Hand NYC - 3569 Broadway (W. 146th Street)
- 4. El Porton Bar & Restaurant - 3151 Broadway (btw W. 124th & W. 125th)
- 5. Kanu Bar & Grill - 3628 Broadway (W. 149th Street)
- 6. La Botanera de Acapulco - 540 West 145th Street (btw Broadway & Amsterdam)
- 7. Lux Bar & Grill - 3480 Broadway (W. 142nd Street)
- 8. Panda Restaurant & Lounge - 2331 12th Avenue (W. 133rd Street)
- 9. Parlay Cafe - 1780 Amsterdam Avenue (W. 148th Street)
- 10. Jin Ramen - 3138 Broadway (W. 125th Street)
 - presented by UST committee
 - no objections from NYPD 26th Precinct and 30th Precinct



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- motion for unanimous consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by M. Hardin Cordero. No objections from present board members.
- All the aforementioned renewal liquor license applications pass for consideration during the October 2025 General Board meeting.

Class Change or Alteration Application(s):

- 11. Loui Amsterdam aka Captain Loui Broadway Seafood Boil - 3147 Broadway (corner of La Salle Street)
 - presented by UST committee
 - motion for unanimous consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by M. Hardin Cordero. No objections from present board members.
 - The aforementioned application passes for consideration during the October 2025 General Board meeting.

Sidewalk Cafe Applications:

- 12. 1274 Amsterdam Avenue aka Maz Soha (W. 123rd Street)
- 13. Fumo Restaurant - 1600 Amsterdam Avenue (W. 139th Street)
- 14. At the Wallace - 3612 Broadway (W. 149th Street)
- 15. Bus Stop Diner - 3341 Broadway (W. 135th Street)
- 16. The Chick Inn aka The Inn by Fumo - 3508 Broadway (W. 143rd Street)
- 17. Bono Trattoria - 3658 Broadway (btw W. 151st and W. 152nd Street)
 - presented by UST committee
 - motion for unanimous consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by M. Hardin Cordero. No objections from present board members.
 - The aforementioned sidewalk applications pass for consideration during the October 2025 General Board meeting

Street Re-Naming Application(s):

- 18. Mohamed Bah Street Co-Naming – Morningside Avenue (btw. W. 123rd & 124th Sts.)
 - presented by UST committee
 - motion for unanimous consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by D. Hardeman. No objections from present board members.
 - The Street Co-Naming application passes for consideration during the October 2025 General Board meeting



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VII. Old Business:

- No old business was brought up during this meeting

VIII. New Business:

- No new business was brought up during this meeting

IX. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by D. Hardeman. Seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero. All committee members agree.
- The meeting adjourned at 9.32 p.m. by Chair Edwards

Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 12th, 2025

Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete