

Executive Committee Meeting

8 September 2022 / 6:30 PM / ZOOM & In-Person (Hybrid)

ATTENDEES

Eutha Prince, Ted Kovaleff, Carolyn Thompson, Joyce Adewumi, Victor Edwards, Pat Johnson, Patricia Caldwell, Heather Jason, Solomon Prophete, Barry Weinberg, Monique Hardin-Cordero, Laquita Henry, John-Martin Green, Signe Mortensen, Deirdre Mcintosh-Brown, Walter Alexander, Patricia Forbes, Laurie Reeves, Deborah Brown, Jean Brown, Carlos Scaminaci, Matt Thurber, Nine Norwood, Wendy Lorenzetti, Raja Sundaram, Maidel De La Cruz, Jonathan Sinagub, Laura Friedman, Miguel Guadalupe BRC, Kristin Richardson Jordan, Carlos Nunez, Ernest Lyles, Princess Lyles, Jonathan Kirk, Chris Johnson, Evelin Collado, Aya Keefe, Carlton Davis, Andres Orejuela, Thomas Copeland, Jean Brown, Tiffany Khan, Amber Moorer (CM Abreu), Aya Keefe (MBP), Lois Penny, Al Taylor, Carlton Davis, Andres Orejuela, Benjamin Navot, Alyah Horsford-Sidberry, Fatou

AGENDA

- **Review Minutes (from 08/09/22 meeting);**
- **Update on 1727 Amsterdam Avenue**
- **Chair's Report;**
- **Treasurer's Report (shared in Email);**
- **District Manager's Report;**
- **Committee Minutes [WILL BE SHARED AT MEETING (if any)];**
- **Action Items**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**

NOTES

- Meeting began at 6:35 PM. Roll call was taken by Secretary Kovaleff. A quorum was established. The agenda was adopted.
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1021x5-DJteH6gaEF1uJUV23ZHfHu4fy/view> - submitted via chat by Kristen Richardson Jordan

- CB9 received many inquiries about 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
- Representatives from Health and Hospitals Corp. (Deborah Brown) and Emma Bowen Community Service Center (Patricia Jordan and Tom Haggerty) attended the meeting.
- Patricia Jordan from the Emma Bowen Center gave a summary.
 - The Bowen Center has been located there for 35 years. The critical need is to continue providing services in the same location
- Funding for relocation has been secured with help from the Borough President's Office.
- Proposed redevelopment by Health and Hospitals Corp. and BRC (new building with 200 units of affordable and supportive housing)
- The Bowen Center will temporarily relocate to 520 West 135th Street (old HRA building) between Amsterdam and Broadway.
- The Bowen Center began talks with Health and Hospitals in 2019 prior to the start of the pandemic.
- The Bowen Center is one of the tenants of the current site.
- There has not been provider attrition according to Patricia Jordan.
- What will happen to the other practices? Eye clinic, dental clinic, and other services.
- Was a community health assessment or health impact done prior to the proposed redevelopment?
- Able House (supportive housing for Bowen Center patients), 20-bed facility in East Harlem - only off-site facility
- CB9 is asking for a list of supportive and wrap-around services that the Bowen Center provides.
- Deborah Brown - Exec. VP of External Affairs for HHC, Maidel De La Cruz - Senior Director at HHC, and Miguel Guadalupe - Director of Community Engagement at BRC - would like to come back and give a detailed presentation of the project.

- There is no detailed plan yet. There are no drawings or blueprints. There are tentative plans for a nine-story building with 200 units, 60% will be permanent supportive housing, and 40% affordable housing units (housing lottery). AMI will be below 60%. It will not be a homeless shelter.
- Heritage Health Care (another tenant of the space) plans to move out and stay in the district. There has not been very much engagement.
- What is the current square footage for Medical Services today? What is the proposed square footage for Medical Services in the newly developed space?
- Chair Report:
 - New appointees have been given committee seats by Chair Weinberg.
 - Polio is back in NYC. Wastewater is being monitored. Encourage people to get polio vaccinations.
 - CB9 has moved into temporary offices at 3291 Broadway.
 - CB9 is hiring for two Community Associate positions.
 - NYC and NYC Executives have extended virtual meetings until 9/23.
 - Anita Chang - assistant secretary was not reappointed by MBP. New elections are needed.
 - Monique Harden Cordero is producing attendance reports.
- Treasurer's report was shared in the email packets. No new spend.
- District Manager's report (Eutha Prince)
 - FY23-24 Budget sessions have begun
 - Movie night at St. Nicholas Park on 9/10
 - Movie night at Morningside Park on 9/17
 - Rat Academy Training hosted by CM Abreu and MBP Levine
- Uniform Services Committee Report (Carolyn Thompson/Pat Johnson)

- BX19 Bus Stop was restored at 145th Street
- Street naming ceremony for Dr. McCann on 8/6
- Senior Issues Committee Report (Walter Alexander)
 - Now have 5 members.
 - The co-chair is out sick
- Economic Development Committee Report (Joyce Adewumi)
 - Collaborate with non-profit organizations (Harlem One Stop)
 - Collaborate with funders (UMEZ)
 - Give awards to anchor businesses in our district
- LPP Committee Report (Heather Jason)
 - William Castro retiring
 - New community rep. For Riverside Conservancy
 - Jacob Schiff Playground construction has begun. Target completion in 2023.
 - See the public mural in Montefiore Park (SYEP)
 - Morningside Park Comfort stations will be closed during construction. New cafe opening next year.
 - Festival of Lights on 9/24
 - Bathrooms are still closed on the West 142nd Street playground due to Con Edison not turning on the power.
 - A vote was to allow West Harlem on the Historic State National Register from 135th-155th from Riverside Drive to Amsterdam Avenue.
- Health Committee Report (Edwin Torres/Laquita Henry)
 - They have not met this month yet.
- Arts Committee Report (Jonathan Sinagub/Daria Hardeman)

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- Housing and Land Use Report (Signe Mortensen)
 - Monitoring West 153rd Project
 - Monitoring developments on 145th Street
- Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee Report (Deidre McIntosh Brown)
 - Working with Cb7 and CB10
 - List of WHDC grantees and services provided needed
 - Updating the website with events and resources
 - Working on CBA
 - Urban Assembly School lost space at 135th Street (ironically to the Emma Bowen Center)
- Looking into using The Forum for our general board meetings
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 PM.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Letter of Support for LPC designation for five areas in West Harlem (collaborated with Robert Stern and Laura Friedman). Added to Gen. Board Meeting agenda for a vote by unanimous consent.
2. Letter of support for the expansion of the basement level rear yard at 346 Convent Avenue. Added to Gen. Board Meeting agenda for a vote by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

- Attendance review
- Some members might not be returning
- Review of bylaws

NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

- TBD

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete