

**COMMUNITY BOARD 9M
16-18 OLD BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10027
APRIL 2021 GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Date: April 15, 2021

Time: 6:30

Place: Via Zoom and telephone

As 30 members were present, there was a quorum and Chair BW called the meeting to order at 6:40.

CT/Dunn: To adopt the agenda – UNAM

CT/WA: To adopt the minutes of the February 2021, meeting with any necessary emendations - UNAM [TK abstain for cause]

Reports:

Chair: BW

written report to come

Highlighted a number of items:

The President helped with positive benefits-tax credit, monies for state and cities, affordable childcare, money for arts, additional unemployment insurance, and more.

If anyone has ideas for capital projects, let the Feds know.

Also there are monies from State and City

We now have a vaccine site at City College. They accept referrals from CB9

Kudos to CU for site at the Forum [125 and Bway]

Want a pop-up at 3333 Bway.

Kudos to AC for pushing for our needs

Must determine a way to get the word out to our businesses so they can access the money and grants that are available.

Treasurer: JT

Not in attendance

DM: E Prince

Provided written report

Noted that the vaccines provided are not J&J even though they require two shots

New office walk thru:

1. Plan to return to old one in May.
2. There will be no in person services.
3. Photos of new space shared.

4. Will be zoom equipped.
5. Moving day TBA much dependent on getting furnishings.

WHDC: PWJ

Provided written report

All of grantees have provided reports so all monies dispersed.

4/25 deadline for ARISE applications

Lottery for summer camp—info call 646.476.3794

MD: questioned CU involvement in Carthage project

KM: gave ARISE update

MP: wanted market plan for Carthage site and CB9 should have input

BP: G Brewer.

Was pleased to have been at the pop-up

The J&J problem has created probs for the vaccine program as it is a one-shot deal as opposed to the others which require two. The number deters some from getting the treatment, and also. Some may forget or elect to opt out of the second.

We need to take care of the homebound.

DOE has an ambitious plan for the summer; we need to work with them

Wants previously incarcerated reintegrated into society

4/22 is Earth Day; will distribute free reusable shopping bags

CB appointments by “beginning of May.”

Public Session

C Shotwell: put statement in chat.

At this point Councilperson M Levine was invited to speak

Now there are spots for apts at City for vaccine and tests.

Need outreach especially for seniors

Bway Housing hosting food pantry tomorrow.

L Bailey: WHEACT

Congrats to P Shapp for White House recognition

4/17 5k run

Dates and times for other events posted in chat

Healthy NYCHA Homes: Stipend up to \$1k

We are still doing the OSHA programs

We must not forget Audubon Houses when we talk of NYCHA in CB9

SW: The Horticulture Society of NY is giving away seeds – FREE while supplies last.

Elected Officials

BW lauded D O’Donnell for his work on getting vax sites in CB9

Assemblyperson D O'Donnell : The elderly and homebound need help in getting their vaccine; Morningside Gardens has a very high percentage of senior tenants, need to watch those with allergy probs.

We need to keep CU's eye on the ball. Was asked by MD why CU was getting loans, "they should be giving them"

Budget: Has committed to a two-year program to pay debts to schools; credits to theaters; noted that each dollar provided brings back seven

Kudos to E Prince for a job well done

WA asked about accessing monies for undocumented

MW asked about the Crash victim and safety legislation

Promised to get back with more info

Assemblyperson A Taylor: We are helping our constituents apply for grants also working to protect them.

Questions for M Levine:

AF Thanked him for attending the Seniors Mtg

Questioned whether lack of vaccinating is because of anti vaxers or what, answer difficulty in scheduling them, need to be there in the ground to help.

MW: Mobile vans can do 200 persons a day; we need them here.

State Sen R Jackson rep by C Figueroa

Provided newsletter

Highlighted budget aid to public schools, seniors, and helping with unemployment

Congressperson A Espaillat rep by

Wished Happy Ramadan

Hosting 2019 and 2020 Arts Competition – deadline to enter 4/30

Comptroller S Stringer rep by N Sexton

There are free meals available at 116th Street and St. Nicholas AV

There are graduate fellowships in his office

Assemblyperson I Dickins rep by N Norwood

Kudos to BW for being in the forefront pf the war on covid

Will share all info in chat

Elections Committee: WA and SM

Provided detailed power point presentation

Must complete intent to run electronically

Need 7 signatures which will be checked

5/25- candidates night must attend electronically, or you are removed

6/17- electronic vote – One vote per person

Got 10 guinea pigs to help test out the system

Power point showed how it worked

Each person will be given an access code to cast ballot; those unable to do it on computer will be able to use a phone.

Action Items:

1.LOS: Uptown Night Market: Passed 30-1-0-1

2. LOS: NSF Engineering Research center for Achieving Communications and Computing for Emerging Streetscapes

Profs E Fuchs and Spatz of CU spoke in favor of it but there was significant doubt as to the amount of community influence. The matter was responded to by an additional paragraph strengthening the input of the community.

“It is Manhattan Community Board 9’s intent to engage fully as a partner in the CS3 project with Columbia University and its collaborators, particularly with respect to encouraging community discussion and participation in dialogues and decisions around privacy and civil liberties, equity and economic impact, and inclusion of the broader community in all aspects of the research.

Passed as amended 17-4-10

LOS: Annunciation Playground Lighting

Passed by acclamation

Reso creating West Harlem Arts Organization

Passed by acclamation

Reso : Temporary amendment of Manhattan CB9 By-laws to permit electronic election of officers: passed 32 0-0

Other Old Business

none

New Business

none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted

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