

**COMMUNITY BOARD 9M  
16-18 OLD BROADWAY  
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10027  
April 21, 2022 GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Date: April 21, 2022**

**Time: 6:30pm**

**Place: Hybrid format in-person, Fortune Society, 625 W. 140th St., 11th fl. via phone & Zoom**

As a quorum was present, Chair BW called the meeting to order at 6:40.

To adopt the agenda: LQH/CT— UNAM

To adopt the minutes of the March 2022 General Board Mtg: CT/LQH UNAM with AC abstaining for cause.

**Chair Report: BW**

Submitted a Written Report

Hybrid meetings passed in budget; CB must authorize themselves to conduct hybrid meetings

According to state law must schedule quorum in-person, nine in-person today

New office has furniture and has video & OWL on conference table

Public hearing on OML regs fold into May GB 5/19

Encourage all who have thought to email before May 12th for presentation

Deadline comment 6/8—under hybrid 1/2 of committees have to be in-person

Law goes into effect 6/9 board needs to draft procedures

AF, IP, EP, etc. contributed to discussion concerning proper procedure

May 3rd PACT RAD Public Hearing

April Tyler 4/30 Memorial at Jackie Robinson Park, a lifetime member and font of knowledge and practice

**DM report: EP**

Submitted a Written Report

Very excited by furniture in office, “really nice”

Announce 1st Annual Empowerment Fair Riverbank State Park, WHDC, for after school, trade school and jobs;

connect NYC high school students w/employers and opportunities

**Treasurers Report: KB**

Not in attendance, but submitted written report

**WHDC: PWJ**

Submitted written report

Community Benefits Grants in June

Partnered with Uptown Night Market 4/14; every month 2nd Thurs of each month from May to Nov.

Empowerment Fair 4/27

WHDC and WE ACT Team Up to Clean Up, Sat 6/25

VE—question of SYEP and Senior Programs, looking at different programs, Senior Committee in the works

MD—May/June is too late for kids in the summer

MHC—Our Board Meetings are at the same time as Uptown Night Market, we cannot attend

**UMEZ: GMT**

UMEZ meets next Thurs, no meeting since last report

In process of electing members to board

## **125th St BID: KM**

4/12 District Attorney's office addressed 125th St corridor on business and safety and theft Solutions-Oriented approach:

1. Recidivism, office resources leveraged to address repeat offenders
2. Programatic solution, expand neighborhood investigation tools
3. Build cases against co-ordinated with fencing ops
4. Improving co-ordination between business, provide resources
5. Data sharing with NYPD

Conversation with Padmore John on what we're seeing, how important is restoring trust work with DC for guidance

BW—in Chair's report, budget and bail reform; under new option judge consider potential harm which was never function of bail. It was to make sure defendant appears in court

Sent letter to community police about Tagine Truck, CT truck moved

GMT—did BID collaborate with OASIS?

KM—service providers represented

M. Prettyman—thank you, K Kenny—could use that parking spot with a lot of construction, etc. already

BW recommend follow up with Uniform & Trans

GMT—thank you for bringing it up

## **Elected Officials:**

### **MBP: Keisha Sutton-James, Deputy Borough President**

Happy Passover

Covid recovery update MBPO release 16 point Covid plan

Stay Healthy to Stay Open giving on 1,000+ Safety Bags with high quality masks, thermometers, test kits, hand sanitizer

Planning more test kits and Safety Bags so will let you know when we're in your neighborhood

Borough Board Budget priorities include: affordable housing, parks and green space, B-HEARD, access to tech

Housing 20,000 pending evictions cases send letter of Office of Counsel, only hear cases with attorney present

Legal Services issue press release, can't take new cases, prevent homelessness

Applications still open for Manhattan Small Business Booster Loan

Contact our office 212-669-8300 or [info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:info@manhattanbp.nyc.gov)

Open meetings law

5/11 Uptown wagon, you can donate clothing, goods, 1-5pm to drop off at our Manhattan Office, 8-10:30 to distribute donations, see flyer

WA—Thank you Miss Sutton-James, Are there a lot of people being evicted and are they going into the shelter system?

KSJ—We've been getting complaints, some people staying with family and friends, pray no one has to go to the streets, that is exactly what we are trying to avoid

Part of the issue is red tape and timing of things

Courts still seeing cases even through people don't have representation

BW—Thank you and for all your office does

### **Assembly Member Al Taylor (in-person)**

Thank you Miss Deputy BP

Part of team of legislators who sent letter asking courts to slow down court cases without representation

\$2B ERAP and LRAP, utility & hospitals but 1st come 1st served

Published editorial: Daily News 4/4 "Undoing NY Bail Reform Proves Fear Wins"

Increase in crime similar to other places, not connected to bail reform

Another sticking point 421-A

Last minute changes challenge

MD—Court system ramming cases through trial, not allowing us to prep our cases esp. gun cases, no DNA

AT—We've sent millions of dollars to DA's office to make sure they have the resources

MHC—Co-chair Cannabis Task Force; expectation that licenses have to show 2 years of profitable business, that seems like a major challenge

AT—People need to know that people are going to be licensed. A lot of conversation, but people need to know the facts; Sat 12-3 State office building discuss all the laws

Info put into chat

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **C. Dillon: Riverbank Community Garden**

Fear rushing through renovations, getting smaller beds, fence between beds (HORT/public)

Ask for pause

AT—Yes, also spoke with Senator RJ's office

CD—Met with MBP and staff, Mark very helpful; there is now a time issue

### **Whitney Dearden: Dir. Public Programming, Riverside Park Conservancy**

Everything we do is free, see flyer

[https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/summer\\_on\\_the\\_hudson](https://www.nycgovparks.org/events/summer_on_the_hudson)

212-870-3089

Excited to be in full capacity

IP—Info online speak to accessibility?

WD—Yes, should be online

### **Martin Collins: Uptown Arts Stroll** Left info in chat

### **M Dula**

NYC going back to 2 days/week ASP; for 2 years w/o problems; many places in city with no ASP

ET—have to look at equity issue, Downtown Brooklyn has residential parking

BW—committee Sanitation & Traffic

### **Ann Rocker**

Work for this park since 1985

North River Community Review, before we only had a sewage treatment plant

No one should put name above park name, many issues through the years

BW—Friends of RBSP should be included the there are meetings w/ elected officials and when there are discussions of important to the park; refer to Parks and Rec Committee; Thank you for being a long-term member of community and CB9

### **K Kenny**

Food truck (141st and Convent) increased rodent pop, vagrants to panhandle, oil spillage, noise issues

Film crews not doing anything for our parks

BW—Uniform and Transport Committee meeting Th 5/5; please bring a list to U&T and also street signs

EP—will address in District meeting; contact Film & TV committee. Let District Office know about film crews

GMT—Hand up during Miss Rocker’s testimony; our community received \$ from state about settlement over sewage plant; DEC has the funds that were deposited with Hudson River Foundation, now closed

### **S Mortensen**

This room brings me back to memories of April Tyler—Memorial 4/30; We got tents  
Team Up to Clean Up, Marty started with Deirdre, 3rd official big, one-day clean up; hope for 400 volunteers:  
6/25 10am

### **OTHER ELECTEDS**

#### **Rep A Espaillat rep by N Norwood**

CB9 runs most efficient hybrid meeting  
CUNY Advanced Science Research Center (ASRC) rewarded for medical research  
Harlem Night Market through Nov.  
Art Competitions 4/27 deadline, high school students  
Manhattan DAs office on Public Safety w/ 125th St DIB very big topic  
Bro/Sis ribbon-cutting 143rd St & Hamilton Plaza; Fantastic building all the bells and whistles; great job in pulling the building off  
Congressman will come to AT memorial  
Infrastructure Map new, we’re compiling the data for full report on what needs to be done as far as infrastructure, bring CBs up to speed  
Office open for constituent services: 212-663-39j00

#### **S Sen Robert Jackson rep by C Figueroa**

Office planning for spring  
Rent Clinics with Manhattan Legal Services, responding to evictions  
Inwood Clean Up  
Tel: 212-544-1073; if Qs rental assistance, SCRIE any state issue

#### **Mayor’s Community Affairs Unit (CAU), Angelica Perez**

Mayor appoint Jessica Tish for Sanitation Comiss  
Funding \$9M investment for year-round bike lane cleaning  
Apply for sealed trash container  
See online 100 days of accomplishments  
MCH—is there money for commercial garbage bins?  
BW—grateful for B-HEARD program, would like to see it expanded

#### **DA Bragg, Rep Jacques Brunvil**

Community liaison: brunvilj@dany.nyc.gov; 212-335-9302  
Launch local business  
Give away at home Covid tests  
4/27 partner with DOH provided Naloxone/NARCAN administration  
Last meeting, going to grad school (applause)

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Reso re: 125<sup>th</sup> Street No. 1 Train Station Elevator Access**

CT & PWJ—MTA use capital funds to give priority to elevator

Accept friendly amendment from BW  
WA—move UNAM consent, UNAM passed

**Reso re: Hybrid Meeting Regulations**

Voting moved to May GBM after the Public Hearing

**Renewal of Liquor Licenses**

**Liquor License Applications:**

- Loui Amsterdam Inc., 3147 Broadway, New York, NY 10027 **(Renewal)**
- Hex NYC LLC, d/b/a Hex & Company, 2911 Broadway, New York, NY 10025 **(Renewal)**
- El Nuevo Tina Restaurant Corp., 511 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, #1, New York, NY 10027 **(Renewal)**
- Chamo's Arepas Bar Inc., d/b/a Barepas, 1792 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, 10031 **(Renewal)**
- Wo USA Inc., d/b/a ROKC, 3452 Broadway, New York, NY 10031 **(Renewal)**
- Sugar Café Inc., 500 West 145<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10031 **(Renewal)**
- OH Craft! Beer LLC, 1739 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, NY 10031 **(Renewal)**
- Dinosaur Restaurants LLC, d/b/a Dinosaur Bar B Que **(Renewal)**

CT stated that the 30 had no objections  
MD/WA UNAM consent, UNAM with HJ abstaining

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Bro/Sis Earth Day event, Fri 1-6pm

**There being no further business PWJ/ MHC to adjourn at 9:23 UNAM**

Respectfully submitted

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