

**Manhattan Community Board 9
General Board Meeting
December 17, 2020**

Called to order at 6:35PM.

V Edwards moves, M Aristy-Farer seconds adoption of agenda, motion carries.

C Thompson moves, D Hanzal seconds adoption of minutes, motion carries.

Presentations

Capt. Sarubbi, 26th Pct.

Recent shooting incident outside St. John the Divine. Ofc. Gutierrez and Det. Harper were on location, moved toward threat and took cover. Another NYPD Sgt. who was on paid detail at St. Luke's Mt Sinai heard shots and responded as well. Officers from 26th and 30th Pct responded and moved bystanders to safety after threat was neutralized. Services always provided to officers involved in shootings, including psychologist and peer support group.

AM Dickens

Unemployment is increasing again, office has received thousands of requests for assistance. Tremendous turnout for election helped win. State will need bailout; \$18B short due to loss of tax revenue. Still need funds for MTA, housing subsidies. Bill in Albany to change NYPD interactions with homeless. Need education about how RCV works. Challenge of implementing some reforms due to differences within caucus and with State Senate.

Chair's Report

Challenges of new year: budget crisis, economic recession, gridlock in Washington, pandemic in city. Important to fight for budget priorities.

Hope because FDA has approved two vaccines. Only effective if people get them, people have justifiable skepticism of medical establishment. Citizens should educate ourselves about vaccine. Thanks E Torres for community webinar on vaccine approval and development, another workshop with Columbia next week.

Thanks Health & Environment Cmte for PPE distribution last week. Public comment periods coming up on coastal resiliency and NYCHA. City tax lien sale delayed to 2021 and law allowing it is set to expire.

Upcoming zoning application for development at 142nd and Broadway. Encourage folks to get COVID tested at 21 Old Broadway.

Remember Walter South and other former board members lost this year. Thanks to CB office team: Ray, Zita, Eutha.

Treasurer's Report, April Tyler

10K from CM Levine's office, 1K from CM Kallos has to be spent creatively in community outreach and education efforts. Proposals have to be submitted by January board meeting. Can't gather in person; can cover things like mailing. Can't disburse for other purposes (like student laptops).

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Thanks for PPE distribution efforts. HDFC awards recognition for April Tyler. Working on windows at 3333 Broadway. Commendation for Det. Harper first on scene at St. John the Divine. Good meeting with FAA and city about helicopter noise complaints, which have been way up.

Need public realm czar, pushing legislative solution for next mayoral administration. Fighting DOE on child care slots for young children (Manhattan lost 550 slots). Feb 1 deadline for CB applications, Feb 25 deadline for capital projects. Vaccine forum with Columbia next week. Toy drives.

District Manager's Report, Eutha Prince

DSNY hiring snow labor. Successful PPE distribution effort. Rep Espaillat upcoming info session on PPP.

WHDC, Pat Watler Johnson

Board solicited criteria for next ED of WHDC. Interim ED has met with several CB9 committees, plans to attend future GBM. Turkey giveaway attended by many electeds and city agencies. Pathways to Apprenticeship virtual graduation ceremony honored 2020 graduates.

UMEZ, Georgette Morgan-Thomas

No meeting since last month. Will be part of process that reviews loans, so will be able to help community navigate process. Virtual holiday village websites.

Public Session

PUMP, Alicia Barksdale, Gunin Agarwal

3-year old educational and empowerment non-profit. Offering virtual tutoring, mentorship, creative arts, training for DOE staff. Asking for letter of support to expand DOE programming. Also have a for-profit company side which funds non-profit. Has received WHDC funding.

Elected Officials

Comptroller's Office, Nina Saxon

Scott Stringer proposes plan to support small businesses in holiday season by cutting red tape.

AM Taylor, Erika Rodriguez

Fighting for fair budget, for HDFCs. Office holding weekly calls to discuss COVID. Thanks to DOH and Padmore John for sharing info. Thanks to Health cmte for PPE distribution events.

Sen. Benjamin, Lauren Done

Received calendar, awaiting guidance on how lobby and session days will be held in 2021. Intro'd bill to require annual reports on claims against police departments. Letter on pandemic food insecurity to Pres.-elect Biden. Help businesses reach out to lenders to apply for PPP. Require info on numbers of children in foster care. Comprehensive bill to ban no-knock warrants.

Sen. Jackson, Porfirio Figueroa

Partner with Ryan Health Center to provide flu shots and distribute PPE. Fresh produce giveaway to 150 people. Toy drive.

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Rep. Espaillat, Michelle Booker

Congressman working on PPE distribution, food drives. Still fighting on COVID package.

CM Levine, Kyshia Smith

District office being used as COVID testing site. Monthly food pantry postponed due to snow.

Renomination of WHDC representatives

Chair re-nominates Pat Watler Johnson to serve as one of CB9's representatives to WHDC board. Notes she is serving on ED search committee. Confirmed by majority vote of board.

A Fletcher raises procedural issues with CB9 nomination due to change in terms of board members following changes to WHDC by-laws. CB9 was not notified of these changes, so there was a lengthy back-and-forth discussion about how CB9 would know about these changes and how appointments should proceed.

Action Items (Y-N-A-PNEV)

Action Item 1: SGL-LGBTQ task force on proposed Audre Lorde statue. 41-0-0-0

Action Item 2: SGL-LGBTQ task force on gun buybacks: 42-0-0-0

[Action Item 3 withdrawn]

Action Item 4: YEL on PUMP initiative: 42-0-0-0

Action Item 5: Ayo in Motion: 36-2-3

Action Item 6: Harlem Historic Markers: 39-0-1-0

Action Item 7: Housing justice: 38-0-2-1

Vote on recommended changes to city planning's climate resiliency plan deferred until January. Motion to empower Exec cmte to vote on the matter in January carries 39-0-1-0.

D Hardeman moves to adjourn, V Edwards seconds. Meeting adjourned 10:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Alec Barrett, Secretary

Ted Kovaleff, Asst. Secretary