

Manhattan Community Board 9  
3291 Broadway  
New York, NY 10027

General Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, December 15th, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Zoom, Facebook Live

**Attendance:**

See the "Roll Call" Sheet taken by T. Kovaleff

**Proposed Agenda for 12/15/2022**

- General Board Meeting Agenda;
  - General Board Minutes (11/17/22);
  - Chair's Report; (will be shared at the meeting)
  - Treasurer's Report;
  - District Manager's Report;
  - WHDC Report;
  - UMEZ Report;
  - 125th Street Bid Report;
  - MBPO Report;
  - Action Item(s):
1. **LOS re:** Morningside Park Outdoor Café KIOSK

**Liquor License (Renewal):**

2. **Reso re: Grand Slam Club, Inc.** 3534-3540 Broadway, NYC 10031;
  3. **Reso re: The Chick Inn**, 3508 Broadway, NYC 10031;
  4. **Reso re: Tsion Enterprises, LLC** d/b/a Tsion Café, 763 St. Nicholas Ave.
- Committee Minutes;
  - Flyers, and Announcements;
  - January/February - 2023 Calendars;

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting started at 6:40 PM. We reached a quorum (28 members present). The recording and the live broadcast started. V. Edwards has called the meeting to order. T. Kovaleff took the Attendance roll.

## **II. Adopt Agenda**

The meeting agenda for tonight was submitted prior to the meeting. C. Thompson moved to adopt the agenda. W. Alexander seconded the motion. All remaining members present unanimously agreed.

## **III. Adopt Minutes**

S. Prophete & T. Kovaleff submitted the minutes from the November 2022 general board meeting prior to the meeting. C. Thompson moved to adopt the minutes. L. Henry seconded the motion. All remaining members present unanimously agreed. T. Kovaleff abstains.

## **IV. Presentations/Updates/Discussions**

James C. Horton (President, Harlem School of the Arts) [jhorton@hsanyc.org](mailto:jhorton@hsanyc.org)

- Founded in 1964
- 645 St. Nicholas Avenue (37,000 sq. ft. facility)
- Mission is to empower youth to reach their full potential in the arts
- Training in all four art disciplines - to help train the next generation of artists and art professionals
- Prep program, tuition-based program, prepare students for entry into highly competitive art high schools
- Serve 1,000 students (k-12) on-site
- Serve 1,500 students (K-8) off-site
- 250-300 summer camp children ages 4-12
- 6,000 families served by all programs offered
- Community focused & cultural hub. Not transactional and becoming relational.
- Ways to engage - [www.hsanyc.org](http://www.hsanyc.org)
  - Mini-series programming
  - Spring Arts Program
  - Adult Classes
  - Summer Program from July 5th to August 20th
- Invited Mr. Horton to Arts & Culture Meeting and Youth, Education, and Libraries Meeting

- Financial Aid is available. Need-based aid is given.
- Make HSA more accessible to the community.
- There is a digital music production class. They have a lab and studio. Teach Logic Pro and Reason
- 26-30 Full-Time Staff, but did have to furlough staff due to budget cuts
- Need to have community-based events prior to pre-pandemic

## V. Reports

Board Chair Report: B. Weinberg

- CB4 Initiatives
  - Trash pickup recommendations
  - Add 23,000 units of housing
- 617 West 141st Street - helping the Fire Victims / Tenant Association
  - Goods and Clothing Drive
- Please stay safe and try to wear a mask in public spaces
- Stay Up-to-date with boosters and vaccinations
- Gate of the Exonerated Event in Central Park on Monday 12/19 at 11 AM
  - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/unveiling-of-the-gate-of-the-exonerated-in-central-park-tickets-488062306497>

Treasurer's Report: C. Thompson

- Included statement in latest packet
- Will work with E. Prince to transition into the new role

District Manager's Report : E. Prince

- Annual Homeless Outreach Population Estimate (HOPE)
  - <https://a071-dhsmobile.nyc.gov/dhsmobile/hope/registration/#/>
- OpenStreets application open
- Free Covid tests available at COVID.GOV/TESTS

WHDC: P. Watler-Johnson

- She provided a written report prior to the meeting.
- Girl Scouts Troop at Grant Houses
- WHDC Board Meeting took place yesterday
- WHDC met with Columbia and CB9
- Working on ensuring compliance for community grantees
- Working on secure funding for employment programs
  - Board would like WHDC present on upcoming plans
- Uptown Night Market was successful
- WHDC provided tickets to Radio City Holiday Show and Pizza Lunch for Children's Village
- Special Thanks to T. Kovaleff, who is always there to provide history and background
- M. Dula asking for a report on the status of new building

- WHDC decided to remove term limits for their board.
- 153rd Street and Riverside is not a WHDC project

UMEZ: Rev. Morgan Thomas

- 1st loan has been dispersed to a childcare organization (within CB10)
- Working on helping more childcare facilities with loans
- Need to discuss Red Balloon Preschool Issue

125th Street BID Report: Ken Miles

- Next BID meeting is in January
- 50 Officers assigned to the 125th Street corridor in two tours throughout the day & evening
- Resource Hub located in old Modells - give feedback and input
- Legal Marijuana Dispensary opening across of the Apollo
- <https://www.change.org/p/support-the-survival-of-125th-street?>

Manhattan Borough President's Office Report: Minah Whyte

- Open Meetings Law was extended until Dec. 20th
- Community Board Applications are open
- 617 West 141st St. Fire - over 100 families have been displaced
  - Working with Palante and Shaun Abreu's office
  - Limited temporary housing in Manhattan
  - Collecting donations for families - accepted at PS192
- Recognition of the Exonerated - CB10
  - Event at the African Center from 1230-2 PM
  - Discussion at the Schomberg at 6 PM
- Working with Dept. of Sanitation - on boro wide composting program

## **VI. Public Session**

Professor Angelo Lampousis of City College of NY (CCNY)

- Workforce training program initiative at Rangel Training Center
  - Free, no limitations (must be 18 and up)
  - Focus on infrastructure and technology
  - Stipend given of \$1200.00
  - Graduates placed in different paths

John Martin Green

- Blackberry Productions - encourage community awareness
  - Arts and Science Intervention with regards to community policing
- Save the Date - Event on Tues 1/31
  - Will share RSVP with Eutha to distribute

Antonica James Community Liason at Housing Works

- New Mental Health Program in Harlem
  - Providing services free of charge off-site (18 & over)
  - Distributing survey to community members for the need of behavioral programs
  - Contact Ms. James for a referral form
    - a.james@housingworks.org

Julie Mardin, Susan Peters, Odette Wilkens - New Yorkers for Wired Tech

- [www.newyorkers4wiredtech.com](http://www.newyorkers4wiredtech.com)
- <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/designcommission/downloads/pdf/10-18-2021-pres-DolTT-p-Link-5G.pdf>
- <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/statstudcomm/committees/1474/reports/5G%20final%20report.pdf>
- <http://westviewnews.org/2021/12/04/4000-giant-sized-5g-antennas-proposed-for-nyc-opposition-grows/gcopsis/>
- [www.wiredbroadband.org](http://www.wiredbroadband.org)
- Addressing digital divide
  - Verizon was supposed to run fiber optic infrastructure to buildings throughout Harlem
- FCC needs to address transparency issues
- Wireless test bed called Cosmos
- Advocate for safe wireless
- CB8 passed a resolution to put the project on hold
  - 32 foot 5G antennas to be installed on city streets
  - Need safety assurances and medical studies of 5G
- Encourage people to read New Hampshire 5G safety report
- Our District is slated to get 4 antennas installed
  - Between 112th and 116th street within historic district
  - High amount of radiation to be emitted
  - Eutha received email about the installation today

Franchesco Martinez - Office of Councilman Shaun Abreu

- [fmartinez@council.nyc.gov](mailto:fmartinez@council.nyc.gov), 212-928-6814
- Working with DA Office to help New Yorkers get essential services
- Asked Columbia to not evict Red Balloon
- Donation Drive for Fire Victims at 617 West 141st Street on Saturday 12/17 from 3-7 PM
  - <https://council.nyc.gov/shaun-abreu/donate-now-support-families-who-lost-their-homes-to-the-141st-st-fire/>

Evelin Collado - Office of the Comptroller, Brad Lander

- <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/newsroom/newsletter/new-york-by-the-numbers-monthly-economic-and-fiscal-outlook-no-72-december-13th-2022/>
- <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/title-vacant/>

- Freeze on OMB hiring
- SBS has 32% vacancies
- High vacancy rate throughout many city agencies
- ECollad@comptroller.nyc.gov; 929 545-0262

Mirian Hernandez - Office of Assemblyman Danny O'Donnell

- Freeze your Rent help on 12/19/22, call office for appt.
- Rat Academy Training on 1/31/23
- Attended Pres. Biden event codifying same-sex marriage
- Fighting to reform criminal justice system
- Sent letter to LPC commissioner to make Morningside Heights Historic District

Nina Norwood - Office of Congressman Espaillat

- Proclamation for Victoria Hosford
- Save the date - 5th Annual Dominicans on the Hill Event
  - See Eventbrite link
- State of the District event TBD
- Holiday Party open to the public on Fri 12/16 starting at 4 PM

Ely Silvestre

- <https://www.manhattanda.org/d-a-bragg-announces-9-million-to-address-mental-health-and-substance-abuse/>
- Neighborhood Navigators Program Initiative
  - <https://www.manhattanda.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Neighborhood-Navigators-RFP.pdf>
- Food Drive and Coat Donation Program

## **VII. Action Items**

1. Letter of Support to LPC for Morningside Park Kiosk/Cafe
  - a. Explained by H. Jason
  - b. The letter is accompanied with pictures to illustrate
  - c. Friendly Amendment by B. Weinberg to modify address
  - d. Unanimous consent motion by M. Dula and seconded by T. Kovaleff. No objections
    - i. The letter of Support has passed.
2. Liquor License Renewal - Grand Slam Club, 3540 Broadway
  - a. Unanimous consent motion by W.Alexander. L. Henry seconded. H. Jason, L. Gerson, T. Kovaleff, and Rev. Caldwell abstain
  - b. Renewal passes
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**VIII. Old Business**

- a. None was brought up at this time.

**IX. New Business**

- a. None was brought up at this time.

**X. Adjourn**

- W. Alexander moved to adjourn the meeting. L. Henry seconded the motion. All participants were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete