

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

Date: February 18, 2021

Time: 6:30

Place: Via Zoom and telephone

As 39 members were present, there was a quorum and Chair BW called the meeting to order at 6:39.

TK/CT: To adopt the agenda amended to support of Landmark committee report and West Harlem District plus under Old Business Coastal Resiliency reso– UNAM

CT/SM: To adopt the minutes of the December meeting with any necessary emendations - UNAM [TK abstain for cause]

Reports:

Chair: BW

Eulogized Member A Tyler; she had integrity and character; she understood that CBs could do more than specified in the charter. He singled out the RKO Hamilton and Child's Memorial Site and her HDFC work

Others who spoke included TK, N Sexton, MD, SM [April knew it all. She asked the right questions and knew how to hold the elected's feet to the fire], PWJ [She was a breath of fresh air], DH [She had a vision, offered selfless encouragement], D O'Donnell [CB9 is my family and April was sort of my big sister, even tho she was the same age], JA [She left a part of herself on all of us, She stressed we must come together for the RKO and HDFC projects]. M Levine [she always knew more than she let on, she had rtock solid belief for justice], A Taylor [offered a prayer asking that Sylvia be given strength], MW [saw how she fought for the community], AC [We want to work with you, Sylvia, AT helped save our building], R Jackson [She was am advocate for our district, wanted affordable housing for all], A Adams -for BP- [to thank AT for her HDFC work], MC [AT got the best out of us], Ms. Norwood – for I Dickens—[She left a mark], IM [she pushed me out of the comfort zone], CT [I encouraged her to join in 1991 and haven't regrated it since], JMG [I respected her instantly, she had great knowledge of the community, she knew how to leveredge], T khon [she was a quiet storm, she made it my community, my home], J Vaughn [She want to be certain it was done right], A Smith for the Pub Advocate [We need her for housing advocacy issues], Sylvia [She knew we should move to Harlem], and Eutha P [Please accept our deepest condolences, we will be planning to have a street naming and a celebration of AT's life when the restrictions are off.

The deadline for CB reapps moved to 2/22/21

Submitted written report

Asst Treasurer: JT

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Little changes

We have received committee grant requests

WHDC: PWJ

Supplied written report

UMEZ: GMT

Report to come

BP: G Brewer

Want to help City recog AT

Local artists need to get paid

Elections Committee appointed comprising of AC, SM, LH, WA, PWJ – accepted UNAM.

Vaccine sites must be located in Morn Hgts, Ham Hgts and W Harlem. They must be sited racially equitably.

M Levine stressed the need to keep testing; his uptown site offers it. Also he has introduced a bill to ensure all persons have the right to counsel. Wants a memorial to those essential workers who have died in the pandemic. Office number 212.928.6814.

BW : Use 21 Old Bway for testing and get quick results. Marina Luna has offered to help those living 133 and North to get vaccinated.

Treasurer: AT

Submitted written report

The deadline for discretionary monies extended to Saturday.

We must send in response to Budget proposal by 2/16; there will be a hearing on 3/8

Want 1763-71 Amsterdam for affordable housing.

HHC: M Valentine

Need more outreach especially 10031

Testing site at Convent Baptist Church

Dist Mgr: E Prince

Submitted written report

Stressed th4e importance of the budget process: if we don't participate, we will lose out.

WHDC: PJ

Submitted written report

BP represented by April Adams who stated that later in the eve, the BP would zoom us.

Public Session:**N. Ecker: Every Voice Choir**

Have funding from WHDC; there are real scholarships for the various age groups.

See www.everyvoice.org.

BW: you should meet with our Youth Library Committee.

M Gamero: Tuition strike

Shared slide deck –to be included in minutes

MW: suggested that the time of the meeting be moved to 6:00. There was no consensus on this.

BP: G Brewer

1763 Amst: We need more affordable housing; working on task force.

Police Reforms: So we don't make the same mistakes again

Funding/Grants: get your applications in; esp. for live concerts/music for the community.

Comptroller: rep by N Saxon

Gave kudos to BW for his work on a fair shot for vaccine equality—should have available demographics.

Stressed availability of paid internships—CB9ers must apply.

Assemblyperson D O'Donnell rep by G Barnside

Eviction moratorium: Use the form to apply; we can help.

Re state budget: taxes will have to go up; we must bring in new revenue sources.

Introduced new member: Tommy Gorman

Senator Jackson: rep by Chris

Spoke of tracking system for absentee ballots

Working on clean air and water.

Taxes will have to go up for those earning \$300k and up.

Senator Benjamin: rep by W Dunn

Need more testing sites; one opened at Abyssinian Baptist Church

Evictions are still going on: need help call 917.202.5462

Councilperson A Taylor: rep by Eric

Must file hardship declaration for eviction moratorium

DA C Vance: rep by E Elestra

Spoke on covid treatment

Be aware of scams; If you get a call give NO info. Call us 212.335.0015 or use 311.

Info on gun buyback in W Harlem to come in Feb.

Pub. Advocate J Williams: rep by Allison

Gave report on NYC's 10 worst landlords.

Contact us for help

Action Items:

Reso 1: Housing Justice [A Carrion]

Passed: 35-0-1-1

Reso 2: MET Rockefeller Wing [A Carrion]

To table: 13-5-13 motion failed

Passed: 35-1-5

3. LOS W Harlem District [E Waktus provided amendments] BW changed the specific locus to “comprising portions of Hamilton Heights and Sugar Hill east of Amsterdam Avenue”

Passed: 39-0-0.

Old Business:

Climate resiliency. [BW]

Before the vote, there was a heated discussion concerning whether or not this would allow Columbia to increase [by up to two stories] the height of its new W Harlem buildings should there be a flooding event.

Passed: 29-1-4-1

New Business

none

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:21.

Respectfully submitted

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