

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

Date: February 17, 2022

Time: 6:30

Place: Via Zoom and telephone

As a quorum was present, but the Chair BW was delayed, the meeting was called to order by 1st Vice Chair VE at 6:49

To adopt the agenda: CT/DMB—Unam

To adopt the minutes of the January 2022 General Board Mtg: CT/LH Unam with TK abstaining for cause.

At this point Chair BW arrived and thereupon chaired the Meeting.

Appointment of hiring committee for Community Associate:

CT, HJ, IP, SP, GMT, and PWJ

Task 1: To finalize the job description

Chair Report: BW

Submitted a Written report

Noted that the Mayor intended to submit a “flat” budget, but with some helpful inclusions such as affordable housing support.

Committees should check and respond

Wants to reopen the vax site at Convent Baptist Church

DM report not submitted due to illness

Treasurers Report: KB

Not in attendance, but submitted written report

BP M Levine addressed the Board / Community

Happy that the rate of Covid has fallen off

Masks are still required for public transit

Wants Columbia to return a supermarket to the Fairway site

Need elevators at the 125th IRT station

Need Manhattanville residents involved in planning for an apt tower on the supermarket site

Wants screen doors on the IRT

Let the BP know where trees should/could be planted

KM for 125th BID

Thanked M Dunn for representing safety and security with the Manhattan DA.

Something must be done to deal with shoplifting

Wants to get the police to enforce along the 125th Street corridor

PUBLIC SESSION

C. Dillon: Riverbank Community Garden

The park has shut out the community voice in its plans

Took 2 years after Hort plans were revealed through FOIA

S Bailey-McLaine: Plaza in St Nicholas Park

The plaza to be named after Florence Mills

JT: Per Scholas

Offers free training for technology careers

K MacAllister: Uptown City Link

Happy New Year to all

Has been supported by CBM9 and is a WHDC Grantee

Offers fundamentals in sports training in baseball, flag football, soccer, all coed

And they have a little tiger program for 3-8 year olds

Referred to Youth/Ed/Libraries Committee

K Asner: Friends of St Nicholas Park

Worried about the process

Committee members should have had input and there were plenty of other legitimate candidates

Y Chen: Friends of St Nicholas Park

Does not support the process

We should not rush to name

Why not plaques?

Bailey: WHEACT

Spoke of Out of Ages Project

K Thompson: New District Leader

Spoke of the new district maps

Want additional District leaders

Primaries in June

OTHER ELECTEDS

STATE SEN C CLAIRE, REP BY INDIGO

Chairs the Woman's Issue committee

On Small business and Housing Committees

Introduced legislation to force space heaters to have emergency shut off valves

Giving out testing supplies at office

Free groceries being given out by PALANTE call 212.222.7315 for details

Rep A Espailat rep by N Norwood

Best wishes to E Prince

Infrastructure map: to detail new issues in need of attention

Dominicans on the Hill streamed live on YouTube on 2/24

Public Advocate rep by N Smith

Have visited NYCHA projects and wants listings of probs

Crisis Interceptors

Legislation to reform the mental health system

Con Ed rates are going up; we need an investigation

There is an urgent need to preserve housing especially affordable

Provided email in Chat

D. O'Donnell rep by C Summa

There are grants available to Community led organizations

Address in chat

Wants to restore composting

Man DA rep by E Sylvestrie

BIDS, Social Services, and NYPD are working together to deal with shoplifting and other crimes

Named P Pope to head antigun violence sector

Pre3ss release in chat

High school apprentice program deadline 3/4 open to Sophomores through Seniors

Robert Jackson joined by C Figueroa

Working on Education, Local Govt, Housing work groups

Must have recommendations in by 2/24

Top priority: safety and security and gun violence

Good cause eviction: Landlord needs good cause to evict, not just so he can raise the rent

ACTION ITEMS

Renewal of liq licenses

FUMO 1588-1600 Amsterdam

Mamasushi 3628 Bway

CT stated that the 30 had no objections

MW/LH unam consent UNAM with HJ abstaining

New License:

Bleu Restaurant and Lounge 1813 Amsterdam

CT stated that the 30 had no objections

TK/WA unam consent UNAM with HJ abstaining

Ltr support for naming F Mills Plaza

JT: provided history

HJ: provided opposite side

There followed much discussion concerning proper procedure and community involvement

Passed 30-2-0

Committee on Rules and Ethics

BW nominated TK and asked for other volunteers

ST, LH, MD, and WA stepped forward

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

There was further discussion about the lack of transparency re the Riverbank Park plots

D Johnson wanted to understand the procedure for getting items on the agenda, BW promised to talk offline

ET spoke about the problems regarding scaffoldings; BW suggested getting in touch with the offending parties

There being no further business GMT / CT to adjourn at 10:19 UNAM

Respectfully submitted

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