

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

Date: January 21, 2021

Time: 6:30

Place: Via Zoom and telephone

As 29 members were present, there was a quorum and Chair BW called the meeting to order at 6:39.

Councilperson Levine gave an update
See written report

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

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

Reports:

Chair: BW

Submitted written report

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 the 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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