# Community Board 9M 18-20 Old Broadway New York City, NY 10027 General Board Meeting March 21 2019

Location: Fortune Society

Time: 6:30

A quorum was not present At 6:37 Chair PJ called the meeting to attention

The Chair gave his report
Submitted written report; and highlighted BP hearing on Congestion Pricing taking place at the same time as our mtg
They are now hiring for the census
Our voices must be heard on Transportation, budget, etc.

#### Treasurer: AF

Submitted written rept

Thanked those who attended the Budget hearing Reminded that the deadline for applying for discretionary funds is approaching and they are going to be diminishing so get your applications in

At 6:48 there was a quorum so the Chair, PJ, called the mtg to order

Many: to adopt the agenda – UNAM

CT/BW: To adopt the minutes with any necessary subsequent emendations - UNAM

### **DM Report: E Prince**

Report in packet

Highlighted coming of a shelter for families with children at 1747 Amsterdam Lily for seniors call 917.775.1199 for all types of help; distrib flier; and they need volunteers SYEEP deadline extended to 3/25; call 800.246.4646

## WHDC Report P Johnson

Apply for grants by 5/3
Announced plans for the Harlem Jazz Festival
Report in packet

MW spoke on danger to seniors of vehicular interactions; specifically Dean Arn We need to id all the dangerous spots and get added regs.

## **Elected Officials**

## **BP: rep by A Adams**

There were 400 new apps for CB. Spots and 480 worked on training sessions Let BP know of issues and training topics Send to <a href="mailto:info@manhattan.bp">info@manhattan.bp</a>

### **B** Benjamin

Has been working on facilitating trials, budget, congestion pricing, marijuana, expunge -not seal-records of those charged with what is now legal; working to get liquor stores to go to CBs before they go to SLA for approval—Community empowerment is the name of the game.

Decried that only 7 students of color were accepted into the top city high schools-more than just scores should be used in making the decisions

PJ stressed that with marijuana legalization must come benefits to those who had been harmed by it:

BB stated that they would be working on tenant legislation-you can be sure that it will be more tenant friendly

Distrib news letter

### M Levine rep by K Smith

Rallied against the billboard at 155 and Riverside; Amtrak offered to lower it by two feet: That not acceptable.

Tenants have rights to lawyers; now it is time to help the small stores Spoke on participatory budgeting: distrib flier Distrib newsletter

## S Stringer rep by N Sexton

Wants to include diversity officers in every agency Sign the petition for women to get fair wages 4/9: celebrate Black Greek members: "the divine nine"

## R Jackson rep by C Nichols

Distrib flier Give feedback on congestion pricing to RJ Has gotten \$1.2 increase in Ed Funding

### A Taylor

Commented on the progressive budget and next we will work on tenant legislation.

Congestion pricing is nothing more than a tax

Expunge, not seal, records of those incarcerated for c rimes that are now legal; communities hurt by this should benefit from the changes

MW introduced nurse Debbie who wants positive acts to protect seniors and pre vent another Dean Arn tragedy

### **Public Session**

# **Phobe-Sade Arnold: Columbia Community Scholar Program**

Introduced a beneficiary: V Cruz of the Harlem Wellness Center, Helping to build infrastructure. She is the owner of Plowshare Coffee House and is using expertise learned in CU classes,

### R Scott: Pottya Latrine

NY's only on demand mobile rest room. Will help improve the quality of life; and will hire locals to be attendants; cost to be like CityBike

## A Barksdale: WHDC Progs

Disrtrib flier on SYEEP for 14-18 yos in grades 8-11 And for seniors who will also get the \$15 per hour pay

## V Berges: Community Cancer Needs Survey

Conducted by Mt Sinai

600 from community and 600 from rolls of the hospital

If interested in participating call her at 21.824.7806 or em at victroria.berges@mssm.edu

# C Leslie: Opposition to 429 W 146 Street Addition

"As a homeowner in W 147 St., the proposed addition detracts from being in a landmarked district. It will be an eyesore to my town house backyard which faces the property on West 146 st."

### C Simpson: W 146 Street

Similar comments

Note: Landmarks committee met with them and all reached agreement which resulted in an amended reso below

### J Francis-Young: USPS

"We want you to know that we value this neighborhood. We are invested in ensuring you as your neighbors are satisfied with the services we provide. Things we are doing: Parcel lockers, Passport services. This covers 10031"

Note she did not provide phone number for consumer contact

#### Action Items

- 1. Ratification of ltr of supt passed by Exec Committee due to time constraint 26-0-0
- 2. Ratification of amended ltr of supt re Amsterdam AV. Reso amended to delete first point and delete "conditional support" 23-2-1
- 3. Reso re Amtrak removal of billboard structure at 155 and RSD 26-0-0

- Reso re Water edge design guidelines standard for NYC 20-2-4
- 5. Reso re Assembly and Senate bills on rent regulation 26-2-4
- 6. Withdrawn
- 7. Ltr supt re Cathedral of St John the Devine copper dome installation. 25-1-0
- 8. Ltr supt re 429 W 146 rear yard staircase addition; amended following meeting with presenters from Public Session 22-2-2

## **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46

Respectfully submitted

Theodore Kovaleff

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## **GEN BD MTG**

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