

COMMUNITY BOARD 9M
16-18 OLD BROADWAY
NEW YORK CITY, NY 10027
DECEMBER 2021 GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Date: MARCH 17, 2022

Time: 6:30pm

Place: Hybrid—Via Zoom and at City College North Academic Center (NAC) Building Lecture Hall 1/203, 160 Convent Avenue, NY, NY 10031

As a quorum was present, Chair BW called the meeting to order at 6:58pm;
AC called roll 33 present in-person & online

VE/MDunn: To adopt the agenda. “Ayes” have it, no amendments.

JA/MDunn: To adopt the minutes of the February 2022, meeting with any necessary emendations - UNAM

Chair BW noted extension to open meetings law signed last night to 4/15. Next GB will be 4/21.

Presentation:

Riverbank State Park, RBSP Leslie Wright, NYC Regional Director, NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

- 1) Capital Maintenance — lighting track and field, new light towers; Community Garden Rehab with teaching garden, total 65 beds, 6/1 lottery & waitlist; Aquatics and athletic locker rooms;
- 2) Programming — registration Spring/Summer, more public programming, Senior Socials, Senior Center;
- 3) Summer seasonal hiring, fairs to meet, interview & apply, roughly 100 people including lifeguards;

IP Q: lockers accessible? LW: working on it; LW Q: Status of garden? LW: contractor in place, probe waterline, water issues throughout, old beds & fence removed; MW Q: Priority for seniors in programming? LW: Aware of access to internet issues, require in-person registration, payment ; MD Q: Elevator down from plaza to waterfront? LW: Stair tower facade water damage from Ida, entire facade and elevator needs to be replaced, multi-year capital plan not funded yet; JS Q: locker rooms and facilities ventilation? LW: Not yet, HGA system & AC on capital plan; JMG Q: How many showers working? LW: Hot water fixed; BW Q: Friend goes to Harlem Y because steam rooms. LW: Ok; BW Q: Co-ordinate future cap projects to email you? LW: Yes

B P report: M Levine

Monthly Borough meeting help shape City Budget

MBP Stay Healthy Stay Open Plan in light of future wave of Covid; we want a great spring & summer

Filed a plan to accelerate rate of boosters for seniors, now 55%, CB9 rate below 38%

We have a plan to reach every person 3.5M NYC who got 1st shot but not booster.

City to reach out door-to-door, rely on you as influencers, as trusted voices to get booster shot

MBP Levine Go Bag— Covid safety bag to all New Yorkers, Multi-language info about testing, pulse oximeters, sanitizer

Working on open meeting regs, see Op-Ed in NY Daily News 3/16 with B Hoylman, enable boards to be more inclusive and more accessible to all, seek clarity from law dept.

Supporting Ukrainian refugees and prevent Russian hatred, will reach out to CB9

Another Uptown Store MBP uptown district office 3/31 giveaway

1st Woman History event- will update on location & agenda

Harlem Restaurant week 3/27, support small business

New MBP liaison Nina White (applause)

ET Q: Feels like 2 cities when it comes to Covid, restaurants, no masking, relax regs give people false sense of security; S. Korea Hosp run out of O2; NYC still not respecting respiratory virus; ML: Appreciate you taking virus seriously. But many people sick of it. We need to keep safe. I talk with many public health leaders. PH experts urged us to put pulse oximeters in packages. We want people to have the tools; WA Q: CB members have to reapply? ML: We are thrilled with record apps. A testament to you! Online process. Nina- you may have latest info. Will not be board specific, a mix of all applicants. Work with your council member. WA Q: Indiv or in groups? ML: Mixed, almost 900 applicants. Large zoom and breakout groups. Reps from MBP office, council member staffs, appointed reps, others, to see how applicants interact and if they work well with others; MHC Q: How CBs can help push for hybrid func? ML: I strongly support, need legislation, contact your state legislators; BW: Thank you for joining, Happy Purim and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Presentation:

Together Community Moving Forward, Tayshana Chicken Murphy Foundation (TCMF)

Taylorn Murphy, Founder & Executive Director -TCMF

Community Planning and Summer Programming

I am a transformative mentor and violence interruption specialist

Re-entry grant, collaboration with non-profits in NC, Walmart bring 20 skids to NYCHA, household goods cleaning, clothes, to families who lost members to gun violence. Manhattanville and Grant distribution

Fed grant 12-16 yr-olds prone to trouble, care program keep away from gang and gun violence, need funding

Reports:

Chair: BW

Submitted written report

Tidal wave of evictions, landlords' pent up desire to evict, public counselors overwhelmed

A crush of cases, tenants have right to counsel

Continue to work on rezoning Morningside Heights, or else super-tall towers like JTS and UTS

Mayor release prelim budget

IBO release funding project \$3.9B surplus for this year, but long-term outlook uncertain, future higher property taxes; injections of Covid and BBB limited; many labor union contracts only pencil in 3% wage increase but actual closer to 7%; closing window of opportunity, City will tighten budget with cuts. We should work now because money can go away

B-HEARD (Behavioral Health Emergency Assistance Response Division)—need to extend to 24 hours. Mayor's pilot now not respond after 8pm, center on Mental Health issues

MD Q: Have witnessed several mental health events and no B-HEARD or police, waited for +30 mins. How many times they get sent per day? BW: need update-Angelica Perez(?) at District Cabinet Meeting? Deep unmet need. VE: Speak to board too.

JA Q: What cuts? BW: Sen. Jackson state budget cuts, not filling vacant positions: LPC; no increase in cap funding for housing

Can anyone from CB9 review Mayor's budget and testify? TIL & AMCP CB9 testimony led to oversight hearings

MD Q: Property taxes, businesses closing, people struggle to maintain homes? BW: Asked about late/missed repayments IBO didn't respond; Don't expect residential taxes to decline, commercial vacancies may be some pain before conversion

Treasurer: KB

Report in packet

DM Report: E Prince

Submitted written report

SYEP 2022, two 6-week cohorts, applications due 4/22

Tax prep, watch changes in tax credits, child credits, etc.; NYC DCWP co-ordinate tax season initiative

[NYC.gov/taxprep](https://nyc.gov/taxprep)

Thanks to Anthony Achille for CUNY facility support

WHDC: PWJ

Submitted written report

Annual Board Meeting 2/26

Classical Theater of Harlem and RKO project

Community Benefits Grants engaging in programs & attending committee meetings

West Harlem Arts Alliance, more info soon

Thanks to Zead Ramadan & VE & Committee Chairs with submitted questions

Exec Dir app deadline 3/24

Partner with Riverside Park Conservancy Summer Camp scholarships

UMEZ: GMT**Strategic Planning Committee: V Edwards**

SPC question In-kind benefits 20M, what is status \$19,000,600(?) still available

Need to use wisely

Columbia space very expensive, 1 night theater \$5K

\$20M affordable housing

\$2M Marcus Garvey Project: 1 building, 1 foundation 150 units of affordable housing & LGBTQ Center

Money loans, not grants getting interest

Asked questions project site workers

40% supposed to be local, no answer

Problem with hiring, what is apprentice program? Don't know status

Hope continuation of conversation to make sure benefits, because term limited

Scholarships— asked and got more transparency, where students and outreach

Legal Assistance Fund? VE: still going back and forth

Public Session:

J Adewumi: Show video, studies show arts can drive Econ growth, example 125th St. corridor—Apollo Theater, Magic Johnson Theater

Community celebrates lives lost to Covid

Now ask for reso of support for 13th Annual Multi-Cultural Festival 6/18/2022; PW: voted in Transport Comm

WA Q: Funded in both places; MHC: husband had great time!; BW: move to new business

Ann Rocker: Difficult to have meetings on computer or phone. Thank community getting back to where we were 2 years ago; please to see everyone; I need to see the MBP

Anthony Achille, Government, Community & Cultural Affairs, CUNY: Thank you, spent last 2 years online Update on CC construction projects in community: Fire House Art Studio 504 W 140th St supposed to start late 2020, looking to restart next 2 weeks; will house art programs and grad art programs, art studios, offices, public programs when ready will share with EP

MD Q: Building on corner of 141st and Convent? AA: Alumni house, will inquire; BW: was proposal need ADA compliant? Need 5 story elevator; SP Q: How long Fire House project? AA: 1.5-2 years, can update; LW: two exterior projects of 1380th & Convent, Wingate Hall, entrance going to be changed? AA: roof leaking, scaffolding, give update soon; High School Science & Math needed elevator install & then ramp

Michael Prettyman, Visual Artist & Professor CUNY: loose 260 Convent Ave coalition to remove Halal Food truck, corner of 140th & Convent. Despite contacting Sanitation, Parking, didn't move in 6 months. Woken up of 12 every night by men loading bottled water, have roach & rats. Owners added 5pm coffee truck, now 21 hours/day. Imagine in front of Dakota or Ansonia, one community enforced one way, and one community is enforced another way.

BW: CT or PWJ where are we with 26th Precinct on this? LQH: Health Committee work to get moved; CT: 26th in process; ET: Not moved since Harlem 5K; various comments on need to follow up

S Mortensen:

Save the Date 4/30 April Tyler Memorial 12-1pm Jackie Robinson Park, if you want to help or participate fill online form;

Save the Date 5/7 Block Association 150th St Plant Sale, fundraiser Block and Garden on 150th St.;

Save the Date 6/18 Team-Up to Clean Up, started with Covid when there was no clean-up, WACT & WHDC co-sponsors, hubs throughout CB9 to get tools for cleanup.

Daryl Cochrane, Manhattan Community Service Center Director, NYC Commission on Human Rights:

Member of C12

Tax prep sites

Leave literature, info on new protections

3/30 Day of Visibility for Domestic Workers

3/22 Combat Anti-Asian violence

Enforce non-discriminatory housing, employment biases, with law enforcement

Louis Bailey, Community Organizer & Outreach Coordinator, WE ACT:

3/24 6pm, Energy Efficiency Equity & Jobs Act, bill for communities to get what they deserve

4/9 Membership meeting, candidate forums

M Wallace: Hope hybrid continue for seniors, for health and inclusivity; thanks to Zead & Victor for Senior Center; Will not renew CB membership so Senior Committee no co-chairs; Get SC info sent 2-weeks early by mail and by hand, unsustainable; urge CB9 additional committee members from 3 to 6. Supporting seniors with more funds and energy, will make things better for everyone. BW: Senior Center has 4 board members but more public members. Numerous expressions of thanking and missing MW.

Elected Officials

J Francis for Council Member Shaun Abreu

District 7, Director of Housing & Constituent Services

CUNY, Citizenship Now, Jessica Pena, Esq.

We are online, can look us up

CM Abreu advocate right to counsel; landlords try to evict tenants, my office try to educate tenants

If you know any one who has housing issues to reach out to us

We helped clean up Hamilton Meat Market & 12th Ave.

You can submit a sanitation form so we can get working on it

Action Items: none listed

Old Business: none listed

New Business: BW: JA Application to Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO)

JA: need letter of support CB9 of festival, as done every year; PWJ: 3 apps- address

There being no further business, BW moved to adjourn and GM seconded, meeting was adjourned at 9:42.

Respectfully submitted

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