

Manhattan Community Board 9
3291 Broadway
New York, NY 10027

General Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 17th, 2022

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: New CB9 Location at 3291 Bway, Zoom, Facebook Live

Attendance:

See Roll Call Sheet taken by T. Kovaleff

I. Call to Order

The meeting started at 6:35 PM. Quorum is not achieved at this time. The recording and the live broadcast started. We reached a quorum (29 members present) at 7:06 PM. B. Weinberg has called the meeting to order. The Attendance roll was taken by T. Kovaleff.

II. Adopt Agenda

The agenda for tonight was submitted prior to the meeting. C. Thompson moved to adopt the agenda. W. Alexander seconded the motion. All remaining members present unanimously agreed.

III. Adopt Minutes

S. Prophete submitted the minutes from the October 2022 general board meeting prior to the meeting. C. Thompson moved to adopt the minutes. W. Alexander seconded the motion. All remaining members present unanimously agreed.

IV. Presentations/Updates/Discussions

Diana Cahill / Tiffany James (NYC DCC)

- Discuss Project, go over the prepared presentation
- Address collapsed area from 135th Street to 138th Street and 12th Avenue looking Northbound
- Proposed improvements - raised crosswalks, add sidewalk bump-outs
- Design completion is projected for Spring 2023 and Project construction is to start in Spring 2024
- The collapse happened in 2018.

- The community would like improved drainage and raised crosswalk at 138th Street by the garden

Alvin Bragg (NYC Manhattan DA)

- 24% increase in Gun Cases
- Data-driven enforcement
- Get back to 2018 lows
- Affordable housing is needed, landlords pushing people out of their homes
- Sex crimes increased
- Hate crimes increased - DA's office received \$1.7 Million to expand the hate crime unit.
- Improve the quality of life - 18% of shoplifters amount to 58% of the reported crimes
- New division - Pathways to Public Safety
- The support system has cracked if they reach criminal court
- Funding issue for mental health. Lack of providers
- Housing and Protection Unit contact number - (212) 335-8900.
 - Joselinne Minaya, Director Washington Heights & Harlem Office. Can be reached at (212) 335-3320.

V. Reports

Chair: B. Weinberg

- Open Restaurants Vote
- Unregulated cannabis
- Meeting with DOE for walkthrough at Ralph Bunche Campus
- Red Balloon Day Care
- Mayor Adams office has established proactive communication between agencies and CB9

District Manager: E. Prince

- Manhattan Legal Services available at 3291 Broadway
- Holiday Lights change to 11/22, please RSVP
- Wants to wish everyone a joyous Thanksgiving
- Please review District Manager's Report that was attached in the distributed packet

WHDC: P. Watler-Johnson

- She provided a written report prior to the meeting.
- She is excused for tonight's meeting

UMEZ: Rev. Morgan Thomas

- Director identified for new Housing Resource Center
- 20 million dollars to be designated via CBA
- Portal to request use resources at WHDC

- Using space at Columbia
- Hurdle is WHDC gatekeeper, need to remove obstacles so users and organizations can use the space offered by Columbia

Mirian Hernandez from (Assemblyman O'Donnell's Office)

- Successful donation drive for asylum seekers
- Stopped by the church to pick up donations
- Leftover donations will go to HERCs in other parts of the city.
- Mammogram Bus - 991 Amsterdam Ave. 12/10 from 9am-4pm
 - Spots still available
- Opioid prevention bill signed on 10/28
- Letter of Support for Red Balloon to Columbia University
- Petition for Elevator at 125th Street and Broadway

Nina Norwood (Congressman Espaillat's Office)

- Meeting with 125th St. BID
- Passing of Calvin O. Butts - recognized on Congressional floor
- \$850.00 application fee
- HUD funding request
 - Delays due to HPD

Stacy Marius (Assemblywoman Inez Dickens Office)

- Website: <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Inez-E-Dickens>
- Oasis/HRA Support Sessions Available
- Financial Literacy Sessions
- Learn about J51 Tax Abatements

VI. Public Session

Louis Bailey - We ACT

- In person engagement at Prince Hall Grand Lodge
- Hard to get space in Northern Manhattan

Victor Edwards

- Look at CBA
- Report to Empire State Development Corp.
- Visited Manhattanville Senior Center

VII. Action Items

1. Reso for Red Balloon
 - a. Explained by S. Wilson
 - b. Unanimous consent motion by D. Hardeman and seconded by W. Alexander
 - i. Reso has passed. T. Kovaleff has abstained
2. Reso for Angled Parking
 - a. Letter accompanied with a picture to illustrate
 - b. Unanimous consent motion by D. Hardeman and seconded by C. Thompson
 - i. Reso has passed. L. Gerson has abstained
3. Reso for 125th Street Elevator
 - a. MTA believes it is feasible
 - b. Need to find funding resources
 - c. Unanimous consent motion by J. Martin Green and seconded by D. Hardeman
 - i. Reso has passed. No objections or absentations.
4. 30 Morningside Dr.
 - a. Unanimous consent motion by T. Kovaleff. T.Lumley seconded. H. Jason, L. Gerson, and Rev. Caldwell abstain.
5. The Honeywell
 - a. Unanimous consent motion by W.Alexander. D. McIntosh Brown seconded. H. Jason, L. Gerson, and Rev. Caldwell abstain
6. 3143 Broadway - Modo Nostro
 - a. Unanimous consent motion by W.Alexander. D. McIntosh Brown seconded. H. Jason, L. Gerson, and Rev. Caldwell abstain
7. Shake Shack
 - a. Unanimous consent motion by W.Alexander. D. McIntosh Brown seconded. H. Jason, L. Gerson, T. Kovaleff and Rev. Caldwell abstain

VIII. Old Business

- a. Assistant Treasurer can move up to vacated Treasurer position.
- b. Assistant Treasurer is currently on Leave of Absence (LOA)
- c. We received no notifications of interest for the Treasurer position from other board members
- d. Carolyn Thompson was nominated by T. Kovaleff. Seconded by John Martin Green.
 1. Vote for Acclimation for Carolyn Thompson. No objections.
 - a) Congratulations, Carolyn!

IX. New Business

- a. None was brought up at this time.

X. Adjourn

- S. Mortensen moved to adjourn the meeting. L. Henry seconded the motion. All participants were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete