



GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 16th, 2023
6:30 P.M.

- I. **Call to Order**
 - Roll Call Attendance taken by Vice Chair Weinberg
 - Meeting called to attention at 6:45 PM (have not achieved quorum)
 - Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM
- II. **Adopt Agenda**
 - Motion to adopt the agenda by S. Wilson. Seconded by D. McIntosh Brown.
 - Agenda has been adopted by members present.
- III. **Adopt Minutes (10/16/23)**
 - Motion to adopt the minutes by C. Thompson. Seconded by W. Alexander.
 - Agenda has been adopted by members present.
- IV. **Presentation by Vincent Morgan - HDFC Director (whdc.org)**
 - Past Saturday they held an HDFC forum - sharing resources and information
 - About 220 HDFC buildings in CB9
 - Local Law 97 applies to buildings over 25,000 sq. ft.
 - About 55 buildings have to submit report by 5/1/2025 showing they have reduced their carbon footprint
- V. **Presentation by Tamara Felix - Manhattan Outreach Coordinator (CUCS.org)**
 - Collaboration with Dept. of Homeless Services
 - Perform Street Outreach, Daily Canvassing, Wellness Checks
 - 3 shifts - mornings, afternoons, evenings. 4 cars are deployed (2 staff per car)
 - Hotspots around Montefiore Park
 - Community members can reach out to share what we know on the ground with CUCS.
 - Please contact tamara.felix@cucs.org (212-801-3376)
- VI. **Reports:**
 1. Chair..... Hon. Victor Edwards
 - In-person attendance is needed to have quorum and vote on action items
 - District needs and budgeting priorities
 - Board chairs met - regulating dispensaries and its licenses
 - We currently have 20 applications for our district
 - In comparison, MCB1 has 45 applications.
 - Meeting next week with S. Wright (Deputy Mayor) and S. Abreu (Councilman District 7)
 - Affordable housing needs to be made available to low income residents
 - Trash Containerization Pilot - need feedback from residents (possible town hall)

- Residential Parking Needed in response to loss of parking spots and congestion pricing
- 2. Treasurer..... Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown
 - Thanked everyone for attending budget hearings on 10/17.
- 3. District Manager..... Eutha Prince
 - Holiday Lights on November 14th was a successful event
 - Clean Slate Law passed by Gov. Hochul
 - Happy Thanksgiving!
- 4. WHDC..... Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson
 - Membership for WHDC Board of Directors - send application to jobs@whdc.org
 - Grantees for 2023 were posted on the website
 - Grantees for 2024 will be selected in the Spring
- 5. UMEZ..... Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas
 - She is not present to give a report.
- 6. 125th Street BID..... Hon. Ken Miles
 - He is not present at this time to give an update.
- 7. Manhattan Borough President's (Mark Levine) Office - Keisha Sutton James
 - Lots of complaints of school playground opening at PS125
 - Holiday Lights Event on Tue 11/14
 - Leadership Training Series over 300 people have attended so far
 - Event at the MET to honor Veterans Day on Wed 11/1
 - Fentanyl Awareness and Narcan Training
 - Borough Board Meeting
 - Right to Counsel
 - City of Yes - advocating for zoning changes
 - MBPO Day of Action on Sat 11/4 - Cleanup
 - Tiffany Brown (Mayor's Office of Community Affairs)
 - Mayor Adams - car free "trick-or-streets" program
 - [Car-free 'Trick-or-Streets' returns to NYC this weekend – NBC New York](#)
 - Mayor wants to hear back from constituents on his radio show on Sundays at 10:30 AM on WBLS
 - Anyone holding Housing Vouchers will not be subject to a credit check.
 - Early voting starts on October 28th

VII. Public Session/Public Hearing:

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker
 - David Schliger - 151st Street and Riverside (Castle/Enclosure)
 - Earned 20 year grant to provide community programming/space
 - Provide artistic community space for people to share their art/music
 - Financially maintaining the space himself
 - He would like to find grants to help fund programming?
2. Elected Officials – 2 questions each
 - Nina Norwood (Congressman Espaillat's Office)
 - Funding for 2nd avenue subway (phase 2) - \$3.5 Billion
 - Will bring jobs, training to district 9

- Proposing Resilient Transit Act
- Kingsbridge Armory Renovation Project - RFP is out, due 2/18/24
- Congressional Act Challenge, application deadline is 11/18/23.
- Zoya Abbas (Assemblyman Taylor's Office)
 - Will be distributing a newsletter later this month.
- Mirian Hernandez (Assemblyman O'Donnell's Office)
 - Health Fair took place on Monday
 - Morningside Heights Coalition Rally - advocating for affordable housing
 - Street Programs - if you are interested call their office at 212-866-3970
 - Winter Clothing Drive is on-going (partnering with Riverside Drive)
 - 245 West 104th Street - donation drop-off
 - Looking for 2 interns
- Gabriela Carela (Shaun Abreu's Office)
 - Participatory Budgeting
 - Voting will take place in April
 - Reduce Single Use of Plastic

VIII. Action Items:

1. Reso re: Support of a Right to Counsel for ALL New York State Residents Who Face Losing their Homes in Legal Proceedings;
 - Reso is in the packet distributed. Friendly amendment being offered.
 - Motion made by A. Robinson for unanimous consent. Seconded by A. Adams. Rest of the members present are all in favor. Resolution passes.

Liquor License New Application(s) & Retail Permits:

3. Reso re: Cocina Consuelo LLC - 130 Hamilton Place, NYC 10031
4. Reso re: Symposium Greek Restaurant - 244 West 113th Street, NYC 10027
 - Motion made by B. Weinberg for unanimous consent. Seconded by W. Alexander. Rest of the members present are all in favor. A. Robinson, H. Jason, and P. Caldwell abstained.

Liquor License Renewal(s):

5. Reso re: Panda Restaurant and Lounge - 2331 12th Avenue, NYC 10027
 - Vote was taken by members present. Renewal passes.
6. Reso re: Oso Hamilton Heights - 3492 Broadway, NYC 10027
 - Motion made by B. Weinberg for unanimous consent. Seconded by W. Alexander. Rest of the members present are all in favor. A. Robinson, H. Jason, and P. Caldwell abstained.

OCM License New Application(s):

7. NSEBAT Inc., 3467 Broadway, NYC 10031
 - The following applicant does not appear to have control of the space. They should seek provisional application from NYS OCM.
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11. A&M St. Marks, LLC, 3457 Broadway, NYC 10031
- Based on preliminary information given. Exec. board feels that this could be an acceptable location. Would like the applicant to come speak with the Task Force.
12. Maria S. Pacheco, 3467 Broadway, NYC 10031
- The following applicant does not appear to have control of the space. They should seek provisional application from NYS OCM.
13. Maria Giovanna, 613 West 145th Street, NYC 10031
- Based on preliminary information given. Exec. board does not feel this is a good location for a retail dispensary because it is on a residential block.
14. Bwinbtwre Corp., 3467 Broadway, NYC 10031
- The following applicant does not appear to have control of the space. They should seek provisional application from NYS OCM.
15. New York THC Company, 2875 Broadway, NYC 10027
- Based on preliminary information given. Exec. board does not feel this is a good location for a retail dispensary because it is around the corner of the Bank Street School. Chair Edwards will follow up with the school.

IX. **Old Business**

- No old business presented at this time.

X. **New Business**

- No new business presented at this time.

XI. **Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned by Chair Edwards at 9:06 PM.

Please Note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 21st, 2023