



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD 9
MANHATTAN**

Morningside Heights
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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, November 21st, 2024
6:30 P.M. at The Columbia University Forum**

- I. **Call to Order**
 - Roll Call Attendance/Sign-in Sheet taken by Barry Weinberg & Eutha Prince. 25 members present, quorum achieved
 - Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm by Chair V. Edwards
- II. **Adopt Agenda**
 - Motion to adopt the agenda by the 1st Vice Chair B. Weinberg. Seconded by the 2nd Vice Chair M. Hardin Cordero
 - The meeting agenda has been adopted by all members present.
- III. **Adopt Minutes (from 10/17/2024 meeting)**
 - Motion to adopt the minutes by the 1st Vice Chair B. Weinberg. Seconded by the 2nd Vice Chair M. Hardin Cordero.
 - The meeting minutes from 10/17/2024 have been adopted by all members present.
- IV. **Presentation(s)/Update(s)/Discussion(s)**
 1. **Update on DSNY Pilot Containerization Program, given by Deputy Commissioner Joshua Goodman and Assistant Commissioner Jonathan Viguers (DSNY)**
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization/residential-containerization.page>
 - Next Pilot Period: June 1, 2025 to May 31, 2026
 - Residential areas about 10 blocks
 - Currently pick up 5 days a week, it will change to 3 days a week
 - No shared containers, buildings will need their own individual containers
 - Buildings with 10-30 units: will need to opt-in for on street containers by 7/31 or use the wheelie bins
 - Buildings with 31 units or more: will also need to opt-in
 - Composting - some residents have been stolen. Try to secure them, if possible
 - All compost needs to be put out in a secure bin
 - go to bins.nyc - 55 gallon bin with a lid that says compost
 - Send issues to outreach@dsny.gov
 - Will DSNY survey commercial establishments about awareness, experience, or best practices? Yes, but this would be separate from the residential pilot
 - Residents are asking if new information will be distributed about updated pilot
 - Key card or an app will be used to unlock shared empire building bins
 - Access will typically be given to superintendent(s) and designated backups

2. Discussion on New York Women’s Chamber of Commerce (NYWCC) & West Harlem Merchants Association (WHMA), given by Quenia Abreu, President NYWCC

- Created and distributed a West Harlem “Explorer” guide. Will leave copies with the district office.
- Last gathering for the Taste of Harlem event at CU Forum was attended by over 700 people. The demand and interest is there.
- The WHMA is awaiting on the City agencies with regards to grants and resource help
- The WHMA ends up financing a lot of the projects and initiatives. Need to have a strong partnership with West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC)
- They are looking for a dedicated full-time funded resource to succeed.
- They are also looking for volunteers to help with upcoming events and outreach

V. Reports:

1. Chair..... Hon. Victor Edwards

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Meeting with Interim Columbia University President, Katrina Armstrong
- Discussed restoring public access to the Columbia campus
- Met today with NY State Senator Cordell Cleare
- Discussed Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between Columbia University and West Harlem
- Reminder for all community board members to submit meeting minutes as soon as possible. We want to allow people to review and read them online
- CB9M Quarterly newsletter - looking for volunteers to help produce (need writers and photographers)
- District Office is looking for volunteers to help monitor RAD PACT program at Manhattanville houses
- 125th Street Elevator project was halted due to congestion pricing
- public transportation needs to be accessible to everyone
- St. Nicholas 145th Street corridor - double parking has decreased, we are continuing to monitor
- NYPD Transit Division 3 is asking for more official parking on Edgecombe and Bradhurst Avenue
- Thank you to those that participated in Harlem Lights
- There were 20 floats, CB9 had the best float and DJ.

2. Treasurer..... Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Our biggest expenditure - was maintenance & office equipment
- Thank you to everyone helping us out with FY26 district budget and needs narrative

3. District Manager..... Ms. Eutha Prince

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet

- Clean Slate Act - NYS Law is effective on March 16th and was signed by Governor Hochul
- Congratulations to Det. Cordell Cheatam NYPD PSA6, he retired on 11/27/2024 after 31 years of service to New York City.
- Harlem Lights was a great community event and gathering. Thank you to Officer Lewis and Officer Cardenas of NYPD 26th Precinct
- Turkey giveaway is coming up - flyer will be distributed
- CB9 community associate position available
- Community Board applications are now open until 2/26/25.

4. WHDC..... Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Information about the grantees is on the WHDC website
- 106 grantees were awarded and close to \$2 million dollars distributed
- There are 2 new employees at WHDC
- Donating over 1,000 turkeys to various organizations in Harlem
- 30th precinct turkey giveaway will be on 11/26/2024 from 2-3 PM
- Harlem Community Day on December 7th (Harlem JRM Residents)
- Reminder that all WHDC grantees have to come to CB9 committees as a stipulation of the grant that they receive

5. UMEZ..... Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas

- <https://www.umez.org/about-umez>
- Revealing financial information about small businesses when the loans are being applied for
- In about 3 weeks, the loans will be made available
- Please get out the word - talk to small businesses in our area that should be applying for these loans
- Reach out to Rev. Morgan Thomas at 917-837-0928
- Grants are also offered to UMEZ
 - Perscholas - computer training
 - Marriott Hotels - hospitality training, last cohort was summer 2024.

6. Manhattan Borough President's Office - Shawn Brannon (Community Liaison)

- <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/>
- go to website for Manhattan Leadership Training opportunities
- Manhattan Future Leaders program (Government or Leadership)
- Turkey Giveaway coming up at 3333 Broadway
- Harlem Holiday Lights and Watch Party

VI. **Public Session/Public Hearing:**

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- Chassidy Walton (bad audio) - student at CUNY Public Health
 - Bringing attention and awareness to create an emergency food plan for our district
- Rev. Patricia Caldwell

- need to allow people to peacefully assemble, not allowing church worshippers to double park when there are services
 - over 400 tickets were distributed
- Dan Levintin, Director of Trinity Church
 - Inviting the community to a Christmas event, reading of St. Nick on December 15th, 2024 starting at 4 PM.
- Lydia Gerson, CB9 member and resident
 - asking that materials get distributed several days in advance for review prior to the general board meeting
- April Adams, CB9 member and resident
 - bringing awareness that Hamilton Grange is closing the pedestrian gate, not allowing people to cut through the grounds
- Mark Bailey, CB9 resident
 - bringing attention and awareness of aggressive panhandling on 127th Street between Convent and Morningside Avenue. Residents in the area need help addressing this problem.
 - CUCS Outreach team should be contacted, they are responsible for outreach to the homeless
- Deidre McIntosh Brown, CB9 member and resident
 - Harlem School of the Arts, Concert on 11/22/2024 at 7 PM with the new Natalie Cole Choir
- Estrella, Every Voice Choirs
 - Helping kids ages 7 to 17 have a safe space
 - Cornerstone choir (intergenerational)

2. Elected Officials – 2 questions each

- Jordan Wright, new NYS assembly member for 70th district, born and raised in Harlem (Riverton). Currently lives in CB10.
 - Wanted to introduce himself to the community. Looking forward to attending more general board meetings.
 - His office is in the NYS Office Building on 125th Street
 - Starting on January 1st, 2025, contact number: 212-866-5809
- Gabriela Carela (Councilman Shawn Abreu's Office)
 - <https://council.nyc.gov/district-7/>
 - Participatory Voting starts in the Spring, budget delegates are needed - please email the office if you are interested
 - Working on elimination of single use plastic and trash containerization
 - Contact Gabriela - gcarela@council.nyc.gov
- Aziz Moore (NY State Senator Cordell Cleare's Office)
 - Turkey and Produce Giveaway coming up
 - NYCHA Symposium @ Touro College
 - Clean Slate Forum on 11/16/24
 - <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/cordell-cleare>
- Tiffany Brown (Mayor Eric Adams Office)
 - attended Harlem Holiday Lights, CB9 had the best float

- Mental Health Emergency Response, BeHeard - <https://mentalhealth.cityofnewyork.us/b-heard>
- Supporting women and minority businesses - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/sbs/businesses/certify-with-the-city.page>
- <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/index.page>
- Evelyn Collado (NYC Comptroller, Brad Lander's Office)
 - Last week released micro mobility report, in favor of more stringent regulations and address challenges
 - NYCHA audit report was released, led by NYCHA residents and issues driven (contracts for repairs, lax oversight of contractors, residents need to be able to give feedback. Create an app for repair tracking.
 - <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/>

VII. Action Items:

1. Resolution re: Cannabis Guidelines
 - Distributed in packet, presented by Vice Chair, Monique Hardin Cordero
 - Daria Hardeman moves for unanimous consent. Deidre McIntosh Brown seconds the motion. The resolution passes with no objections.
2. Letter of Support re: Emma Bowen Center:
 - Chair, V. Edwards has decided to table this action item, there were no objections
3. Letter of Concern re: Claremont Theatre, 3320-3338 Broadway, aka 536-540 West 135th Street
 - Distributed in packet
 - Vice Chair, Barry Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. Heather Jason seconds the motion. The letter of concern passes with no objections.
4. Letter of Disapproval re: KOTA NEST, LLC
 - Distributed in packet, presented by Chris Johnson
 - Vice Chair, Barry Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. Deidre McIntosh Brown seconds the motion. The letter of disapproval passes with no objections. Note there were 10 abstentions from CB members in attendance.

New Liquor License Applications:

5. Salento Colombian Cafe & Restaurant - 132 Hamilton Place, NYC 10031
 - Chair, V. Edwards decided to table this application until the next meeting, there were no objections
6. Hex & Company - 2911 Broadway, NYC 10025
 - Applicant is going from beer/cider to requesting to sell beer, cider, and liquor
 - Vice Chair, Barry Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. Vice Chair, M. Hardin Cordero seconds the motion. The application passes with no objections and two (2) abstentions

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

7. Geisha Sushi - 3468/3470/3472 Broadway, NYC 10031
8. La Flor de Broadway, LLC - 3395 Broadway, NYC 10031
9. Nussbaum Wu & Partners, LLC - 2897 Broadway, NYC 10025
10. L'Arista Italian Kitchen & Bar - 142 Hamilton Place, NYC 10031
11. Ecuatorina Restaurant Corp. - 1685 Amsterdam Avenue, NYC 10031

12. The Honeywell - 3604 Broadway, NYC 10031

- All renewals passed UST committee and received approval from NYPD 26th or 30th Precincts
- Vice Chair, Barry Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. Vice Chair, M. Hardin Cordero seconds the motion. The application passes with no objections and two (2) abstentions

Corporate Change(s):

13. Shake Shack New York, LLC - 2957 Broadway, NYC 10027

- The applicant is changing their corporate structure. Someone recently left the Board of Directors, and they are giving us notice.
- Vice Chair, Barry Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. Vice Chair, M. Hardin Cordero seconds the motion. The application passes with no objections and two (2) abstentions

VIII. Old Business

- None at this time

IX. New Business

- City of Yes Vote taken by City Council earlier today
- Unfortunately, outer borough council members lessened the commitments
- We voted YES on certain contingencies be made
- Now goes to City Planning Commission

X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by Vice Chair, B. Weinberg and seconded by Vice Chair, M. Hardin Cordero
- Meeting adjourned by Chair, V. Edwards at 8:58 PM.

Please Note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 19th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete (Secretary MCB9)