



GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 19th, 2023
6:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order

- Roll Call Attendance taken by Vice Chair Weinberg
- Meeting called to attention at 6:43 PM (have not achieved quorum)
- Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM

II. Adopt Agenda

- Agenda has been adopted by members present.

III. Adopt Minutes (09/21/23)

IV. Presentation by Gregory Baggett - Right to Counsel Coalition (righttocounselnyc.org)

- CB9 District Office was the Intake Office
- Highlight small property owners
- Local law was recently passed
- Expand and defend Right to Counsel - achieve Statewide Right to Counsel for all counties in NY State.
- Other Community Boards have provided letters of support or passed resolutions.

V. 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 at 4:30 PM (goes down 125th Street)
- Reach out to join the district office CB9 float.
- Covid Test Kits and Masks are available on the table and district office

4. WHDC..... Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson
 - The Uptown Night Market series ended last week. Great Success!
5. UMEZ..... Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas
 - Financial opportunities for our district (microloans)
 - Focus on doing a better job to communicate information to businesses
 - \$536,000 is available for distribution
 - Outreach to UMEZ for a loan based on a business's track record or vision
 - 4 businesses have already applied so far for a loan
6. 125th Street BID..... Hon. Ken Miles
 - Not present at this time to give an update.
7. Manhattan Borough President's (Mark Levine) Office - Minah Whyte
 - Lots of complaints of school yard opening at PS125
 - Holiday Lights Event
 - Sponsored Team Up 2 Clean Up West Harlem Event
 - Onboarding Sessions and Trainings coming up
 - Upcoming event at the MET to honor Veterans Day on Wed 11/1
 - Aunscion Playground was supposed to open in September and it is still not open. Not fair to the school and the kids.
 - Feedback on EEO training. Did not give examples for community board members.
 - Will MBPO sponsor legislation re: Residential Parking?
 - 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

VI. Public Session/Public Hearing:

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- DSNY Update (Asst. Commissioner Rubiero)
 - Residents and supers have given favorable feedback
 - Working with schools and DOE
 - They have noticed some illegal dumping
 - How often are bins cleaned? - To be determined
 - What determines the success of a pilot program?
 - They are aware of the issues of parking. Obtaining information and data to evaluate and optimize the program.
 - How long is the pilot? - There is no definitive end date to the pilot.
 - Are they considering other containers? - They are experimental.
 - Have they studied where there is the highest concentration of rats? - A different agency has but DSNY is working with them.
 - Share feedback and input with Community and Council office

- How does a block petition to join the program? - They will have to research and get back to us.
- Kevin Gessner - Student at City College
 - Studying the Trash Containerization Project.
 - Would like to talk to members of the community about their experience.
- Mercedes Lora
 - When it rains their building floods. 471 West 145th Street (in the TIL program)
 - Masonry on the side of the building is damaged
 - Landlord (HPD) says they cannot repair the bricks
 - Building recently went through a renovation.
 - 1st Thursday of the month (from 1-5 PM) there are legal services to help tenants at the district office.
- Andres Olmeda
 - 475 West 145th Street (Daytop) - supportive housing
 - Has ongoing gas smell/leak impacting
 - 473 West 145th Street (new HDFC)
 - Had its front door broken from FDNY investigating leak
 - Issues with adjacent buildings
- Sharon De La Cruz (153rd and Broadway)
 - Increased Car Break-ins on 152nd/153rd Street on Broadway & Amsterdam
 - Reached out to NYPD and Mayor's Office
- Ms. Tova
 - Desire to giveback and to train youth and incarcerated people to be a tailor
 - Connect her with Fortune, SOHA, and Boys & Girls Club
- Liliana Pena (Ayudame NYC)
 - Startup Business
 - Official Program partner with HRA
 - Provides support and help people navigate the system
 - www.ayudamenyc.com

2. Elected Officials – 2 questions each

- Nina Norwood (Congressman Espaillat's Office)
 - Congressional App Challenge
 - [HOME - \(congressionalappchallenge.us\)](http://congressionalappchallenge.us)
 - Service Academy Nominations (open up to 12/1)
- Mirian Hernandez (Assemblyman O'Donnell's Office)
 - Scaffolding is allowed to be up as long as permits are up-to-date
 - Shredding Event (Flyer will be distributed)
 - Mobile Outreach Screenings (Information will be distributed)
 - Health Fair with Touro College on 11/13 from 1-3 PM - first come, first serve
- Gabriela Carela (Shawn Abreu's Office)
 - Participatory Budgeting
 - Virtual Information Sessions - sharing information with District Office
 - Looking for volunteers - district7@nyc.gov
 - Reduce Plastic Waste
 - Facilitating meeting with Heritage Health
 - LGBTQ events/movie screenings at Columbia University

VII. 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;
 - Move to refer to the Housing Committee by B. Weinberg. Seconded by C. Thompson. All remaining board members approve.
2. Reso re: Requesting CU to provide 5000 sq ft. in W. Harlem for Artist and Art Organizations, as per CBA;
 - presented by Tina Lumley
 - friendly amendments being were made to the resolution
 - motion to approve via unanimous consent by W. Alexander. Seconded by S. Wilson. All remaining members present approve.

Liquor License New Application(s) & Retail Permits:

3. Reso re: Ten Twenty Club, Inc. located at 1020 Amsterdam Ave., NYC 10027;
4. Reso re: The Bleu Room Restaurant and Lounge located at 1813 Amsterdam Ave, NYC 10031;
5. Reso re: Cor Food and Beverage located at 3492 Broadway, NYC 10031;
 - Items 3-5 have been approved by unanimous consent
6. Reso re: Villa La Maravilla located at 3428 Broadway, NYC 10031;
 - going on record objecting to new application for Villa La Maravilla due to past complaints and illegal activity

Liquor License Renewal(s):

7. Reso re: Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado located at 2841 Broadway, NYC 10027;
8. Reso re: Parlay Café, Corp. located at 1780 Amsterdam Ave., NYC 10031;
9. Reso re: Sugar Hill Café, Inc. located at 410 W. 145th Street, NYC 10031;
10. Reso re: Bird In Hand NY located at 3569 Broadway, NYC 10031;
11. Reso re: Beer Run 3604A located at 3604 Broadway, NYC 10031;
 - Items 7-11 have been approved by unanimous consent

VIII. Old Business

- District Needs has to be submitted to Deidre by 10/24.

IX. New Business

- No new business presented at this time.

X. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by Chair Edwards at 9:05 PM.

Please Note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2023