

**Community Board 9M**

**16-18- Old Broadway**

**New York City, NY 10027**

**General Board Meeting**

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 PM**

**Location: Fortune Society 630 RSD**

As a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order by Chair PJ at 6: 44.

CT/AB: To adopt the agenda – unam

AB/VE: To adopt the minutes with any necessary emendations -- unam

## Reports

### **Update on sewage treatment plant – B Abdul-Matin [Dir of community affairs]**

Apologized for what his predecessors had said. Stated that it had been imposed on N Manhattan; serves 600k people. Introduced Kaya Miller...”a real asset”

Trying to manage mosquitoes

Cogeneration to replace oil burning; will take place in stages between now and 2021.

DEP interested in the treatment of the stacks; also goal to turn waste water into power to fuel electrical for the plant

### **By Laws: M Wallace**

Went over the procedure for approval or lack thereof. Given the time and length of the agenda, the vote was scheduled for the October mtg.

### **Congressperson Espillat**

Promises that D Bailey will represent him at CB9M

Already has introduced 17 pieces of legislation

Local office 646.417.1875

Wants body cameras for ICE agents

Distrib newsletter

**CitiBike : CT**

129 and Convent on hold

PJ: We want DOT to let us know of new spots

**Chair: PJ**

report in packet

**Treasurer: AF**

report in packet

Noted that the Budget Hearing is 10/23/17: Be there---There will be food!

Councilpersons gave us grants: Levine \$7,500.00 and Perkins \$5,000.00

**DM report: E Prince**

In packet

**BP represented by D Howard**

Distrib Flier

Drew attention to services for kids with mental health issues

**M Levine represented by K Smith**

Announced right to counsel bill passed

10/25 free mammograms

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**M Alcantara represented by J Arandell**

Will have office hours right before the CB9 mtg

Obtained funding for housing and immigrants

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**C Vance represented by A Valerio**

There will be a march from GWB to 167 St against domestic violence

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**Councilperson Benjamin represented by N Reilley**

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## **J Valdero of the office of D Farrell who has retired**

Announced that Riverbank Park will be Names for D Farrell

## **S Stringer represented by P Jackson**

Publicized report on Sex ed and noted that STD is on the rise; we need certified instructors

Distrib Flier

## **Corey Ortega, new District leader**

9/24: Judicial convention

9/25: County Commission convention

10/13: last day to register or change party affiliation

## **Public Session**

### **Danny Perry, Director of Community Engagement for ICS.**

ICS is a non-profit organization that supports seniors and chronically ill individuals. ICS facilitates individuals to stay in their homes. They provide wheelchair-based clinics, and dementia care programs. Program to allow family members or friends from the community to train and supervise care aids. He invited people to speak with him about their services.

### **Glennis Gomez, Specialized HS Admissions Outreach Team**

Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Fariña have an initiative to increase diversity at specialized HS due to historically low rates of taking admissions test and enrollment by African-American and Hispanic students. The outreach team is looking to bring information to communities throughout the city.

Eight of nine specialized high schools require a test (SHSAT) -- the ninth, Laguardia, requires an audition and looks at academic record. The team is holding information sessions at public libraries throughout the five boroughs in September and October. Each school is holding open houses beginning in October. On Saturday of last weekend 14,000 families came out to Brooklyn Tech to the citywide specialized high school fair; 16,000 came on Sunday.

The NYCDOE offers a 22-month test prep program for 6th and 7th graders called the Dream program. It has an eligibility requirement.

*Question: wouldn't it help diversity if every student in the system took the exam?*

Currently, all 8th graders must submit an application to high school, but the exam is optional. The outreach team is in the community to try to reach families and help inform parents who might not have access to information.

*Comment: outreach to sixth grade parents is essential to get on the right track. Finding out about it in 8th grade is too late. Also, finding out about the citywide fair is hard enough for policy-savvy, English speaking parents. It would be even harder for non-English speaking parents.*

**Signe Mortensen**, CB9 member, on behalf of her block association

150th Block Association is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its garden. The 10th anniversary celebration will be a Halloween party on October 29, 2017, 1pm-5pm, with a theme of "Oz". Guests are encouraged to wear Oz-themed costumes. A screening of The Wiz will happen at dusk.

**Marina Gonzalez**, Citizen's Committee for New York City

Any project for block improvement, neighborhood beautification, etc, is eligible, for Neighborhood Grants in amounts up to \$3,000. Grants open at the end of September and end January 22nd.

**Matt Levy**, Chair, Judicial Committee, West Harlem Progressive Democrats

The committee meets with people who want to become judges. Judges first go through a screening process made up of the bar association and nonprofit organizations to ensure that judges are sympathetic and fair. Organizations that want to become part of the independent screening process should talk to the committee. Speak to him about candidates running for judge.

**Edwin Torres**, CB9 member, on behalf of his tenants association

Hamilton Heights Tenant Association (476th West 141st) is opposed to reissuing the liquor license for Hamilton Point Granary LLC (The Grange). On April 10th Mr. Torres visited the Uniformed Services committee to complain about the establishment, which was going for renewal of their liquor license on April 30th. The committee never voted, and it never came to the board, despite tenants proactively coming to the committee. He was told that this was because the establishment never asked for the approval. We don't know how many such applications don't go to the community board. The DEP has cited the establishment for noise.

*Comment: Some establishments can get their licenses renewed without going to the CB.*

*Comment: The 26th Precinct has not received any complaints. Tenants should call it in.*

*Comment: CB4 has also had this problem.*

*Comment: This is a problem across all of Manhattan. This will increasingly happen in our neighborhood as rents require alcohol sales to be profitable.*

**Daniel Cohen**, CB9

Our Common Ground festival in Morningside Park this Saturday, 9/23, starting at 1pm, including hula hoop lessons, and the Morningside Lights processing after sundown. Everything is free!

**Lyla Bowhem**, Union Theological Seminary

Union is finalizing negotiations to build a luxury condominium tower because they are not planning to use union labor, won't provide low income/affordable housing, and are using a developer with multiple OSHA violations. Students are looking to organize against the development and are seeking partners in the community. They would love to talk to anyone interested in collaborating. Their next meeting will be Wednesday 9/27 at 6:00pm in Union's social hall, to discuss additional information that is expected to be released early next week.

## Business Session

The roll was called and 34 were present; For votes see attached tally sheet; for wording see attached reso sheets

Reso 1: Ltr of supt for Upper Westside Medical Awning

Reso 2: Ratification of SLA recommendation for 701 W 135 Street

Reso 3: Renovation / Restoration of 354 and 356 Convent

Reso 4: Ltr Supt re RKO Hamilton Theatre renovation

Reso 5: Harlem Eat Up Event

Reso 6: Ltr requesting moratorium on HPD and HDFC Foreclosures amended to add in date.

There being no further pressing business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11

Respectfully submitted

*Theodore P. Kovaleff*

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INITIALS

	ROLL	RESO 1	RESO 2	RESO 3	RESO 4	RESO 5	RESO 6
		REMOVE	REMOVE	REMOVE	REMOVE	10	
J ADEWUMI	JAD	EXCUSED					
J ARCHER	JAR	P	N	Y		N	Y
E AVELO	EA	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
A BARRETT	ABA	P	ABS	Y		Y	Y
M BEST	MB						
A BOATNER	AB	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
D MCINTOSH-BROWN	DM	7:21	Y	Y		Y	Y
M CAMP	MC						
A CARRION	AC	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
D COHEN	DC	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
C CROWDER	CC	P	ABS	Y		Y	Y
M DULA	MD	6:50	N	Y		N	Y
M DUNN	MDU	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
A D'SOUZA	AD	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
V EDWARDS	VE	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
M ARISTY-FARER	MF	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
A FLETCHER	AF	P	Y	Y		Y	NOT ENT
J MARTIN-GREEN	JG	6:55	Y	Y		Y	Y
D HARDEMAN	DH	8:16	Y	Y		Y	Y
L HENRY	LH	6:58	Y	Y		Y	Y
P JOHN	PJ	P	Y	Y		NOT ENT	Y
D JOHNSON	DJ						
P JOHNSON	PAJ	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
V JONES	VJ	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
T KOVALEFF	TK	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
P LEWIS	PL						
W LI	WL	7:00	Y	Y		Y	Y
S MORTENSON	SM	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
J MENTOR	JM	LOA					
I MERCADO	IM	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
K MILES	KM	6:50	Y	Y		Y	Y
B NIKONROW	BN						
O OVALLES	OO						
M PALMA	MP	EXCUSED					
A ROBINSON	AR						
H ROSEBUD	HR	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
C SINGLETON	CS	EXCUSED					
N SMITH	NS						
W SOUTH	WS	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
J TAVERAS	JOT						
G MORGAN-THOMAS	GMT	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
J THOMAS	JT	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
C THOMPSON	CT	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
E TORRES	ET	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
A TYLER	AT	7:10	Y	Y		Y	Y
M WALLACE	MAW	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
B WEINBERG	BW	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
M WELLS	MW	P	Y	Y		Y	Y
F ZEKO	FZ	P	Y	N		Y	Y
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49</b>		<b>34-0-0</b>	<b>29-3-2</b>		<b>31-2-0-0</b>	<b>33-0-0-1</b>

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- RESO 2 Ratification of SLA recommendation for 701 W 135 Street
- RESO 3 Support for renovation/restoration of 354-356 Convent
- RESO 4 Ltr supt for RKO Theatre renovations
- RESO 5 Harlem Eat UP location
- RESO 6 Ltr requesting moratorium on HPD and HDFC foreclosures