



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

Morningside Heights
Manhattanville
Hamilton Heights
Sugar Hill

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 19th, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

- Roll Call Attendance/Sign-in Sheet taken by Solomon Prophete & Eutha Prince. 25 members present, quorum achieved
- Meeting called to order at 6:46 pm by Chair Edwards.

II. Adopt Agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda by J. Adewumi. Seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero
- B. Weinberg moves to amend the agenda. Seconded by S. Wilson
- Agenda has been adopted by all members present.

III. Adopt Minutes (from 06/20/2024 meeting)

- Motion to adopt the minutes by S. Wilson. Seconded by B. Weinberg.
- Minutes have been adopted by all members present.

IV. Presentation(s)/Update(s)/Discussion(s)

1. NYPD 30th Precinct - Capt. Rose, Sgt. Lopez, Officer Stumer;

- Please reach out to him with any issues.
- Attends Community Council 30th Precinct meeting and UST committee meeting

2. Boys and Girls Club of Harlem (Sharon Joseph - CEO);

- <https://bgcharlem.org/>
- Youth programs run by the Boys & Girls Club of Harlem are in peril as the state suddenly halts \$1.4 million worth of funding allotted to its after-school programs since 2019. The state funds make up more than half of the organization's revenue.
- "We will need to close one or more of our afterschool programs," warns Sharon Joseph, the CEO of the BGCH. The state has not indicated why the funding program has not been renewed.
- <https://www.westsidespirit.com/news/after-school-programs-in-peril-for-boys-girls-club-of-harlem-as-nys-cuts-14m-in-funding-CJ3469859>

3. Update and Discussion on: Pilot Containerization Program, and "New Rule" for 1 to 9 unit buildings and how it impact the pilot zone underway in district M9, given by Deputy Commissioner Joshua Goodman and Assistant Commissioner Jonathan Viguers - DSNY;

- Trash Revolution
- 50% of trash is now in bins; 20% of trash will be containerized
- Garbage bags cannot stay on the street anymore
- Trying to scale containerization citywide
- Hamilton Heights Pilot Takeaways

- Containers will not be for the entire block but per building
- 60% decrease in Rat sightings
- Future plan is not the current pilot
- Trash must be in “wheelie-bin” containers by 11/12/2024 for 1-9 unit buildings
- 31 unit or more buildings would get larger “dumpster” on-street container
- 2 of these containers approximately take up one parking spot
- Buildings 10-30 units can choose what type of containers is best for their building based on the volume of trash they have.
- New side loading trash collection trucks
- District 9 has 434 new on the street bins
- Trash, Recycling, and Compost bins - can be purchased at Bins.NYC
- They believe about 200-250 parking spots will be lost in our district
- Food scraps and waste for curbside composting will begin in October
- Smart compost orange bins are all around the city
- District 9 was chosen because of its density, diversity of buildings, and it is a rat mitigation zone
- <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/news/24-013/the-trash-revolution-year-one-new-data-shows-sustained-decrease-rat-sightings>

4. Discussion with Roxanne Banks, Executive Director of C-Better Foundation

- Silicon Harlem (“sister” business) - work on infrastructure
- C-Better Foundation, Non-profit arm started in November 2022
- Provide technical training, workforce development, and awareness
- Wednesday October 16th - NextGen Tech Conference at Columbia Forum from 8-5 pm
- Confirmation that Baron Davis (former Knick) will be a keynote speaker
- Teaching GenAI class at their offices on 148th Street
- Free WiFi grant (has officially stopped as of today)
- Fighting for the community to get access to the digital age
- <https://siliconharlem.com/>
- <https://c-better.org>

5. Thank you/Acknowledgments - M. Dunn / V. Edwards

- Frankie Davis
- Hakeel Elliston CB9
- Eutha Prince CB9

V. Reports:

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

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- 701 West 135th Street - Public Hearing
- Community Board Meetings - members need to be in attendance
- New board orientation will be on Mon 9/23/2024
- Mandatory annual training will take place
- Strategic Planning
 - A member of each of committee should attend
- Appointments - 125th Street BID, UMEZ and WHDC
 - need to be voted on annually based on bylaws
- NYPD Luncheon with other Community Boards

- Thank you to Madison Ayala (our former Community Associate) - now with the Dept of the Aging
- 145th Street Corridor - improvements made, will continue to monitor

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

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- In budget season, working on prioritization for FY26 and on the District Budget needs statement

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

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Please attend Public Hearings on Budget - to take place on the 1st and 2nd week of October.
- Thank you to Madison & Hakeel
- 9/23 Construction on Cherry Walk will begin and expected to end in Spring 2025
 - About 10 RVs are stationed there and people are living in them
- Abyssinian Baptist Church - new pastor, Dr. Kevin Johnson will be installed on Friday 9/27 at 7pm

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

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Jeff Eaton (Board Member) passed away and his memorial service was on 8/24/24
- WHDC Grantees will be announced on the website shortly
- Aunscion Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- SYEP ran by Boys & Girls Club of Harlem - 105 youth in CB9 participated and was a resounding success
- Seniors / Older Adults Coalition Events
- Back to School Backpack Giveaways - contributed over 450 backpacks filled with school supplies
- WHAA Exhibit Opening on Friday 9/20/24 at 5:30pm
- Next month, Zead Ramadan - Executive Director of WHDC, will attend our general board meeting

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

- <https://www.umez.org/about-umez>
- Summer Recess since June
- Next meeting to take place on 9/26/2024
- Expanding Per Scholas program

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

- <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/>
- NYCHA Family Days
- Back to School Events
- Back to School Guide and Senior Resource Guide have been released
- Ghost Car Crackdown
- Public Bathrooms

- NY Restaurant Meal Programs
- Composting begins for residential buildings on 10/6
- Leadership training series returning for all community board members
- Eric Cuello was promoted to Director of Community Affairs
- Folks need to learn more about composting -
<https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/initiatives/composting-fighting-climate-change/>

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

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- Madison Ayala - Dept. of the Aging
 - Summary Public Hearing on 10/22 from 10-12pm at Grand Street Settlement
 - Wants to make sure CB9 is heard and is aware

2. Elected Officials – 2 questions each

- Tiffany Brown (Community Affairs - Mayor's Office)
 - 8,500 new jobs were created over the last 6 months
 - 26 hiring fairs
 - Job Training and Workforce Development Opportunities
 - Money in your pocket initiative (PAU?)
 - learn about city, state, and federal programs
 - doing outreach, workers are on the streets
- Solomon Acevedo (Public Advocate's Office)
 - Unfortunately, had an unstable Internet connection
 - He will send information to District Office
- Gabriela Carela (Councilman Shawn Abreu's Office)
 - <https://council.nyc.gov/district-7/>
 - Rat Control Bill
 - Newsstand on 138th Street and Bway is to be removed soon
 - Mammogram event at Ascension Church on 11/1
 - Will share flyers with District Office as soon as they are available
 - gcarela@council.nyc.gov
- Fernando Lujan (Alvin Bragg - Manhattan DA Office)
 - 24th Annual Brides March - against Domestic Violence on 9/26 at 8am
 - Shine the Light Event - Community March against Domestic Violence
 - lujanf@dany.gov
- Mirian Hernandez (Danny O'Donnell's Office)
 - Career and Professional Development Openings
 - Two shredding events next month
 - 10/17 and 10/19
 - Covid and Flu Vaccine Event (Free)

VII. **Action Items:**

1. Ratification of Letter of Support re: BRICCS, Inc. (Building Renovation Inner City Construction Services), Inc.

- Presented by Chair - Victor Edwards

- Motion for unanimous consent was made by W. Alexander and seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent
2. LOS re: Reconstruction of Staircases located on 114th, 116th, and 122nd Streets
 - Presented by H. Jason & A. Robinson (Co-Chairs Parks and Landmarks Committee)
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by S. Wilson and seconded by D. Hardeman. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent
 3. LOS re: 1160 Amsterdam Avenue at 117th Street Restoration and other facade work; roof work; barrier free access. General requirements.
 - Presented by H. Jason & A. Robinson (Co-Chairs Parks and Landmarks Committee)
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by S. Wilson and seconded by D. Hardeman. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent
 4. Reso re: Universal Daylighting in NYC
 - Presented by S. Prophete (Co-chair of Uniform Services and Transportation Committee)
 - Roll call vote taken by Vice Chair B. Weinberg
 - Resolution passes - 31- Yes; 3 - No ; 3 - Abstain
 5. Reso re: In support of Heritage Health
 - Presented by L. Henry (Co-chair of Health Committee)
 - It is 1 of 3 federally qualified health centers
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by B. Weinberg and seconded by J. Martin-Green. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent
 6. Reso re: Columbia Investments
 - Presented by B. Weinberg (Vice Chair)
 - Roll call vote taken by Vice Chair B. Weinberg
 - Resolution passes - 36- Yes; 1 - No ; 0 - Abstain

VIII. Old Business

- None at this time

IX. New Business

- None at this time

X. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by M. Dunn and seconded by P. Watler Johnson
- Meeting adjourned by Chair Edwards at 9:01 PM.

Please Note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete (Secretary MCB9)