

# CB9 Health committee Jan 2021 minutes

**DATE: Monday January 4, 2021**

**TIME: 6:30PM**

**ZOOM**

**committee members present: Miriam, Heather, Indiana, Laquita, Monique, Edwin , Monica**

DOH: Pauline Ferante, Lorean Valentin Test and Trace, Padmore John

Lina Orins- Cat situation 3333 Broadway)

Anita Deng

April - CB9

Victor - CB9

Ray- CB9

Ayo- Smoke free NYC

Charity - Reality Check Youth

## **AGENDA**

### **Presentation/Discussion:**

1) Vaccine Update: DOH Padmore John

### **Old Business:**

1) Proposals for CB9 Use of Discretionary Funds: 2020 Wellness Walk

2) Vape Forum (never happened, rethink?)

3) Smoke Free NYC: wants to partner with us screenings

4) Update on New Site on 145th Street: In Construction: Jan 8 meeting attend

### **New Business:**

1) Proposals for CB9 Use of Discretionary Funds: New Ideas

2) Pet Health Hazard: Windows at 3333 Broadway Dec. General Meeting: Resident Complaint

3) Issues we should address/prioritize in 2021

Quorum 6:37

1. no minutes to approve jump into item 3 before we have Quorum

2. Presents: Ayo Ali , Smoke Fee NYC :

- Interested in partnering with us to screen this film “ Black Lungs Matter” film and hold education session in the community

- work with Reality Check Youth

- Reality Check groups work out of Manhattan (not just CB9) joint collaboration with members from Queens, Bronx, Brooklyn, Can do the work for our district specifically

### **ACTION ITEM:**

Education nicotine dangers/risks especially now during Covid respiratory illness prevention important

Smoke Free NYC collaboration on vaping and hookah 2-3 committee members work with youth and plan

Target age: 12-up

2. DOH Updates / Vaccines

presenter: Padmore John, Lorean Valenti and Pauline Ferante present for Q&A

positivity test rates in HH 8.83%

practice core 4: continue to test

vaccines are slow to roll out Vaccine information-<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/doh/covid/covid-19-vaccines.page>

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- only 1st responders recd' 110,241, none have recd' 2nd dose
- CBC determines age group
- more people vaccinates better for community
- explanation of process approval & vaccine safety monitoring, MNRA tech
- Pfizer is 95% effective 16 and over
- Moderna 95% 18 and over
- unknown: how long it will last, if we need a booster
- no children under 16
- does being vaccinated spread: do not know
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- FAQ on COVID-19 vaccine: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/covid/covid-19-vaccines-faq.pdf>
- City to develop plans important to get messaging
- middle of 2021 widespread distribution working with all city agencies working together to ensure quick safe distribution
- will be free to all regardless of immigration status.
- everyone will get a card which says date of 1st vaccination, provider will also contact
- No answer if you miss your 2nd dose schedule: will get back to us
- Bell's Palsy concern raised
- Have a conversation to your health care provider prior to taking.

### **ACTION ITEMS: DOH needs help getting messaging out:**

- 2nd strain spreads faster not as lethal, 9.8% rate
- plug them into events
- Need media push on positivity rates for Uptown with press channels— electeds need to hear from us
- DOH: MLK week working on a few things
- Need pastors /faith based leaders to =get messaging out there practice 4 core.
- Work with Faith based organizations set up by Espaillat, Gale, Mark Levin
- Need list of faith based leaders to work with
- need spanish media support, be sensitive to fear of ICE. we have multiple families living in 1 apt
- We need to identify how we can help
- have a CB9 Vaccine campaign each member who gets it—Edwin go on social media
- get Local influencers

### 3. New Window at 3333 Broadway: pet safety concerns

presenter: Lana Orins - a law building liable to keep human safe, why be pet friendly & not keep pet safe

- Background, new windows installed they swing out, tenants have to pay for additional window guards and screen installation. 6 pet deaths 1 dog, 5 cats

little animal rights in NYC : animals in buildings “high rise cat syndrome”, its known

- kids can fall out of these windows
- building going for sale next year,
- Victor reached out to landlord: everything is legal per code
- HPD says they can open to 4”

also city code do not have to supply screens and window guards, by Law builder not responsible

4.5 citywide

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Victor told by residents want to wait for different tenant association in new Year when he offered to meet with them  
December 2020, Victor has spoken to HPD, MBP & tenants want to wait  
No Covid testing proof to tenants on workers

**ACTION ITEM:** This is a hyper local issue, The height + location could be causing wind gusts, additional safety concerns. The windows appear to be to code. Residents, concerned citizens, CB9 can work together to change the laws in NYC that currently do not protect pets very well in pet friendly buildings. Meantime  
Pet owners need to protect pets, keep windows locked.  
Residents can & should refuse windows if they have a concern  
Education/information needs to happen, people are excited for new windows but not aware of issues/concerns  
Confirm are laws applied to vertical or horizontal space  
Rent stabilized tenants DOH website has information on requirements for windowguards. follow it

#### 4. Discretionary Funds

**ACTION ITEM:** meet separately via Zoom Jan 5 tomorrow 8 pm  
discuss using funds for Covid Education,

**end of meeting 9:14**