

HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 6, 2023, 6:30 PM

Co-Chairs: Hon. LaQuita Henry (P), Hon. Edwin Torres (P)

Members: Hon. Miriam Aristy-Farer (P), Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero (P), Hon. Heather Jason (P), Hon. Monica Dula, Esq (P), and Hon. Patricia Ramos (P)

Call to Order at 6:45 PM by Co-Chair LaQuita Henry and 2nd by Co-Chair Edwin Torres

Adopt Agenda: Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero is to adopt the agenda as presented, 2nd by Co-Chair Edwin Torres, with added announcements.

Minutes: Motion to accept January minutes with minor corrections by Hon. Edwin Torres, 2nd by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero.

Presentations:

Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lois Penny (646 353-4189, Concern Citizen for a Better Harlem) Hearing to Stop the construction of a Shelter, three community boards oppose this action. Lack of notice and inability to know exactly how many shelters (city, non-profit, different shelters are not accounted for). The judge brought attention to building shelter close to a school (which might help with 1727). New York Supreme Court Index Number: 151375/2023, Case Name: Chen, Kai Ming, et al vs. the City of New York et al. Case Type: SP-CPLR Article 78 (Body or Officer)• Shéquanda Long (Juneteenth Freedom Fest NYC 716-218-5744, SLong@jffnyc.com) who has partnered with US Research for a series of Town Halls: lack of trust in the medical field, there are different dates, March 9, March 30, and April 27 & May 25. Juneteenth Celebration to be determined, an announcement will be made at the April Meeting.• Deborah Levine, Deborah.levine@sph.cuny.edu CUNY SPH. Faith-based and Cannabis Conversation and Vaccine Survey (a raffle is being made as an incentive) both information flyers will be sent via email.• Monique Hardin-Cordero (Cannabis Task Force), explore what is happening and the role of the legal dispensary. Also, we are looking into how laboratories impact our communities. We will create an event to inform our community with an educational focus.• Happy Kidney Awareness Month, check out an event that focuses on Black Kidney Awareness. We should all check out kidneys because it affects our bodies, especially those who have diabetes or other health concerns. Hooray for Donors!
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<p>The Broadway Community, Inc (WHDC Grantee) www.broadwaycommunity.org 601 West 114th Street New York, NY 10025</p> <p>212-864-6100 ext. 120</p> <p>info@broadwaycommunity.org</p>	<p>Issac Adlerstein (917-767-7271, HeritageNYC.org , Executive Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have been around for 30 years, and we are a WHDC Grantee. We continue to serve the community by having a food pantry, computers, life-skill program. Shelter for 15 single men and women, we have applied to increase the number to 19 • We have applied to become a shelter for Asylum seekers. • Suggestion was made for the Broadway Community to partner with local community organizations, especially those who offer health services to better serve the population.
<p>The Osborne Associates: Accessing Community Services 718-707-2629 https://www.osborneny.org/our-services</p> <p>whrrp@osborneny.org 347-467-7870</p>	<p>Dwight Stephenson (dstephenson@osborne.org, 332-215-2398) & Charlisa Kelly (West Harlem Healthy Families program, 929-594-0742 ckelly@osborneny.org)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two different programs that have the goal to support families in Harlem. We have been around for a while, but we are new to West Harlem. • Osborne Association launched Harlem FamilyWorks (HFW), an intergenerational enrichment, leadership, and healthy relationship program designed to serve youth, young adults, adults, and families impacted by the criminal legal system. • Youth Experience Success (YES) for young people ages 13 to 21, and Healthy Relationship (HR) for parents and caregivers. Both tracks included eight weeks of workshops. • We are working on different housing projects that focus on criminal justice history, for people older than 50, women, and returning parents. • West Harlem Restoration and Reentry Project-This comprehensive, neighborhood-based program offers reentry and reintegration services to people returning from prison, along with resources to support young adults in the community and restorative justice practices that serve all of its residents, especially in NYCHA housing. • NYPD is very much involved during our talks with the community. • Fentanyl and Illicit Drugs Usage: from a personal perspective they do not play a role. Young people do not come with a drug issue but more social peer pressure. • CARE (12-17 yrs. old) podcast- young people feel that Columbia is taking over the neighborhood and do not feel welcome or included. We should do a Townhall with young people, Osborne, CB9 and Columbia.
<p>Borough President Levine</p>	<p>Minah Whyte, Community Liaison (minahwhyte@manhattanbp.nyc.gov)</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there are any town halls please let me know so that BP Levine could be part of it. We are working on having Grant and Manhattanville Public Housing Townhalls • Grant Houses are getting meals since there the gas situation is still ongoing, this is happening on Thursday. • Scaffolding Report Link: Shed-the-Shed-Report-V5.pdf (nyc.gov) • Shed-the-Shed-Report-V5.pdf (nyc.gov) • MBPO Report Link on Scaffolding : www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Shed-the-Shed-Report-V5.pdf
Environmental & Health Updates	<p>Hon. Edwin Torres on Environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We were able to pass a Resolution to ask City Agencies to enforce existing traffic Laws regarding Commercial Overnight Parking. Commercial Trucks bring pollution into our neighborhood that already experiences an environmental burden such as high respiratory illness. • Meeting with 529 West 134 Autobody business, double and triple parking that bring environmental, health and safety issues. We will meet with WeAct at the end of March, we are working with Uniform Service Committee as well. Please report issues to 311, because it's a form of reporting and documentation. • 145th Street and St. Nicholas: NYPD and Transit Vehicles double park illegally. Enforcement for all City agencies should be across the board.
WeAct https://www.weact.org/	<p>Louis Bailey (louis@weact.org 212-961-1000) and Annie Carforo (annie@weact.org)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A couple of environmental health pieces of legislation in the final state budget. The Energy Efficiency Equity and Jobs Act, if you want to join us go to Albany to talk to the legislation, please let us know. CB9 Health and Environmental Committee could create a letter of support in order for our community to benefit. We should talk to Pa'Lante. • Grant water issues- report to 311 to document the issue and work with community organizations. WEAct has connections with NYCHA and EPA. • Our next meeting will be on Saturday, March 11th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m 454 West 155th Street, between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas. You can register by using this link, composing and park equity • We also offer different topics such as beauty products.
Letter of Support	<p>Ilana Mercado- Teen experience at Mt. Sinai ER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting is being requested with chairs of CB9 and CEO of Mt. Sinai

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayor's Health Plan, this does not include pediatric mental health, which it should. A letter to the mayor will be created.
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- How do we hold Landlord accountable? Take them to court, gather signatures, report, and document through 311. Ask Elected Officials for support and hold landlords accountable and Agencies to enforce current laws that protect tenants (especially those landlords use tactics that drive out tenants due to inhuman conditions).
- How do we get information out? YouTube must be enabled, social media, especially a platform like Twitter were elected officials are involved. We should get parents involved as well, recruitment from schools in our community.
- Motion to Adjourn meeting at 8:53 PM: Unanimous consent.