

Manhattan Community Board 9 Health and Environmental Committee

October 2, 2023, 6:30 PM

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

Members: Hon. Sharon De La Cruz (Absent), Hon. Elizabeth Eastman (Present), Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero (Present), Hon. Heather Jason (Present), Hon. Clotilde Manguya (Present), Hon. Patricia Ramos (Present), and Hon. Amir Sadeghi (Present)

Call to Order: at 6:41 PM by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero and 2nd by Hon. Edwin Torres

Adopt Agenda: Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero to adopt the agenda as presented but with modifications as needed, 2nd by Hon. Edwin Torres

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes, Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero to adopt minutes, all were in favor. 2nd by Hon. Edwin Torres

Presentations:

<p>Shaun Abreu- District 7 New York City Council – <i>Gabriela Carela, District Director</i> gcarela@council.nyc.gov</p> <p>District Office 500 West 141st Street New York, NY 10031 Phone: 212-928-6814 Fax: 646-582-1408</p> <p>Legislative Office 250 Broadway, Suite 1807 New York, NY 10007 Phone: 212-788-7007 Fax: 646-582-1408</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bill will establish an Office of Healthcare Accountability. This law lists the different medical procedure prices at different hospitals. This will allow patients to find affordable care and understand potential out-of-pocket costs before receiving care, this law goes into effect in February 2024. • Mental Health Roadmap: This past summer legislation was passed that would create a mental health roadmap portal on the NYC DOHMH website. • Drug and Substance Use: we are seeing a historic level of overdoses. NYC Health Commissioner recommends all New Yorkers to carry Narcan. The mayor has universal control of increasing Harm reduction sites, we need to be equitable in the placement of sites, not just saturate a certain area. • Free COVID-19 home tests are available, please order yours. • Please get your vaccines! COVID-19, Flu, RSV, mpox. • Local Law 107 of 2023, prohibits owners of commercial spaces from knowingly leasing to unlicensed sellers of marijuana or tobacco products, imposing fines of up to \$10,000 on landlords for violations. Enforcement is key in this law. Please contact Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy & Budget Director Jalissa Quigley jquigley@council.nyc.gov • Rat container Project pilot: we need data to see from the NYC Dept. of Sanitation, and there is always a need for improvement. Have we determined what is a success? We are not seeing an increase in black bags. People's usage of trash bins. • The bins are a help to the community, but it has decreased parking spaces. • As a concept, Abreu supports Residential Parking but more information is needed to make a determination.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abreu agrees with the Board that there needs to be enforcement efforts to limit commercial parking in a residential area. • We are working on a bill that would remove abandoned vehicles from streets within 72 hours upon an agency’s knowledge of it. • Permanent Outdoor dining program: no longer permanent sheds that you see abandoned on the street they will be on the sidewalk, which will free parking spaces. • NYC Council plans to fight load streets with noise cameras. 311 complaints for MCB9 are always noise complaints. Carlina Rivera and Gail Brewer have bills that would regulate the noise level of emergency vehicles. (resolution and support would go a long way) • Cars that prevent streets from being clean. Plaque abuse and enforcement issues are pervasive. E-bike, enforcement is struggling. Are there any legislative ideas? Let's explore. • Pending Information on 1727 Amsterdam.
<p>NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Carmita Padilla is our point person</p>	<p>No representative was present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We received face masks and hand sanitizers from NYC DOHMH, received Sept. 12) • Vaccines are available (COVID-19, Flu, mpox). Heritage Health will be receiving their COVID-19 vaccines soon. Talk to your medical provider as well. Danielle Milano, 917-767-7271 and my email is dmilano@heritageNYC.org or daniellemilanomd@me.com.
<p>Latest update on Environmental Matters via Workshops and Conferences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather will attend make-up session for this Thursday’s conference, more information to follow. • Clotilde Monguya, MD UN- reach zero greenhouse emission, NYC reach 80% by 2025. Climate change is real and has a tremendous impact on our health. We are not ready for climate change. Uplifting our community voices, from BioBus • Public Event, Biosbus -WeACT, Wednesday October 11 between 3-6 pm. • We also have dedicated research ongoing with students that potentially helps with preventing the next pandemic - mapping avian diseases that could spread to humans https://www.biobus.org/virushunters/ • Amir Sadeghi (Strategic Commitment) Racial capitalism in a climate disaster. Air quality in our area due to commercial, Columbia is expanding. Community benefits agreement among, real binding commitment. Amir to possibly attend the Strategic Planning Committee. • Invite Humberto Garza for DEP, Uniform Services Committee to talk in our committee.
<p>The Kota-Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender equity and women empowerment.

<p>Jaana Rehnstrom, MD, MPH Founder and President, The Kota Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9/18 Women’s Health Forum aimed at advancing women's empowerment through the Health Equity program. This pivotal event is strategically centered in Northern Manhattan, focusing on addressing critical health challenges faced by women in our community. The Women's Health Forum will unite mission-aligned nonprofits and stakeholders to collectively enhance women's health and well-being. • Positive effects of Doula Care on Maternal Health, a 2018 study published in the journal Birth found that women who have doulas are more likely to have vaginal births, less likely to have c-sections and less likely to experience postpartum depression. • Check out our upcoming event page and get involved.
<p>Resolutions / Letters of Support Listings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resolution, Residential Parking/ Environmental Health: when we have more cars that live here, increases pollution, this is something that many cities do already. Find a parking lot, that deters from unnecessary cars and increasing usage of public transportation. We had a very lively discussion regarding Residential Parking. → 1st by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero, and 2nd by Clotilde Manguya – adopt modifications for resolution. Hear back by Oct. 10. Vote to proceed, with amendments and research. Please respond via email <p>Articles to read and consider:</p> <p>https://www.thecity.nyc/2023/9/12/23869296/nypd-quality-of-life-crackdown-enforcement-skyrockets-criminal-court</p> <p>https://rpa.org/latest/lab/congestion-pricing-current-status-and-key-policy-choices</p> <p>https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/data/2018chp-mn9.pdf</p> <p>Quote from Gale Brewer’s white paper: "the results have been a mixed bag, with some cities left wondering if creating a permit parking program was the right choice in the first place."</p> <p>https://www.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/tcny/community-health-assessment-plan.pdf</p>
<p>Follow up</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District needs statements are due in mid-October., LaQuita will be working. • Public Health Forum Event sponsored by CB9 Health and Environmental- in October. We have a small budget that will be used with a partnership with Columbia; Heritage, health, and

	<p>housing and we are hoping to talk with Broadway Housing. At the forum, we will discuss clinical trials in our community and their impacts. Other topics include maternal health and adolescent stressors (an open door to discussion). There will be tables and booths so that CBO can have a chat about their resources, and maybe have restaurants and farm shares come to share as well. We might seek the Forum at Columbia or City College, tentative date of Oct. 20. There will be a mammogram van as well. Speakers will be diverse as well. We need everyone to get involved, especially during the event. Very exciting!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kios, for those participating, need to be a consent form, for photo • We haven't heard from the Columbia Forum for space,
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- **Motion** to adjourn meeting at 9:31 PM: 1st by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero, 2nd by Hon. Amir Sadeghi.
- **Next meeting is in person** November 6