

CB9 SGL-LGBTQ 9-25-25Taskforce Minutes

Taskforce members present: John-Martin Green (Chair), Milton Justice[?]

Other attendees: Arielsela Holdbrook-Smith (via zoom), Chris Johnson Ramon [?], [2 Columbia Spectator reporters]

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM

Chris Johnson moved to adopt the agenda

Chris Johnson moved to forego minutes pending receipt June minutes from former taskforce secretary, Clayton Sanford

CB9 SGL-LGBTQ Taskforce Community Needs Assessment Survey Results:

- Ms. Holdbrook-Smith shared that there were 166 respondents: 40 Latinx, 28% Caucasian, 26% African American, and 14% Asian.
- 50% cite mental health as a major priority; 40% cited housing assistance; 32% stated healthcare access as a major concern.
- JMG advises that methods triangulation of data has commenced with both dissemination of the survey and a focus group.
- Likewise, Investigator and data source triangulation has been employed including dissemination by the taskforce, Harlem Pride and use of a QR code.
- On the recommendation of Dr. Franklin, JMG proposes a next step being reaching out to City agencies asking them to send representatives to share such services and dispensations as are made to our community.
- Agreeing we're attempting to be a resource for an underserved community, the group determines agencies for outreach might include: Aging, SBS, ACS, City Planning, Consumer Affairs, DOT, DYCD, Parks & Rec., Probation, Off. Of Special Projects, EDC, H&H (Unity Project), HRA, Law Dept., LPC, Transit, BOE & Human Rights.
- CJ attended a recent HRC – Global Citizen convocation, saying equality and equity is a major focus. UN General Assembly – [we should] ask about Afro Latino [support]
- MJ asks if there might be a project involving interviewing people who've lived in Harlem [over long duration] to trace how it's changed.
- MJ ponders becoming a Taskforce member.
- Meeting adjourns at 8:37.