



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

Morningside Heights  
Manhattanville  
Hamilton Heights  
Sugar Hill

**UTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, October 3rd, 2024  
6:30 P.M. (In-Person & Virtual)**

**I. Attendance**

- H. Ellison (CB9 District Office), S. Prophete (Co-Chair), C. Thompson (Co-Chair), A. Adams (Member), F. Castillo (Member), C. Johnson (Member), G. Connellie (Member) J. Colmenares (Member), M. Iglesias (Member), V. Caughman (Member), CB9 Member, V. Edwards (CB9 Chair), M. Hardin-Cordero (CB9 Vice Chair), L. Blackwood (NYC DOT), Capt. Rose, P.O. Stumer, Ira Gershenhorn, Heather Jason, Sandra Hung (Cordial Bar), Espin, Edwin Torres, Patrick Condren (Academy Bus), Quetsy Morales (Academy Bus), Phoebe Sade Arnold (Columbia University)

**II. Call to Order**

- Meeting called to order at 6:45 PM by C.Thompson, quorum achieved

**III. Adopt Agenda**

- Motion to adopt the agenda made by A. Adams. Seconded by C. Johnson. Agenda adopted by members present.

**IV. Adopt Minutes (from 09/05/2024 meeting)**

- Motion to adopt the minutes from the 9/5/24 committee meeting made by C. Thompson. Seconded by F. Castillo. Minutes adopted by members present.

**V. Presentations/Updates:**

- Academy Bus - Patrick Condren, Quetsy Morales,
- Phoebe Sade Arnold (Columbia University Govt. Relations - Community Affairs)
- Spoke about the Academy Bus Shuttle Service that runs between Columbia campuses for faculty, staff, and students.
- Proposing to use the MTA Bus Stops for pick ups and drop offs for the Columbia University Shuttle Service.
- Seniors (60 and over) in our district can ride the shuttle service for free with valid identification
- Information is being shared via the Neighbors Hub. The university should post it on their transportation website.
- Columbia should reach out to our district Senior Centers
- Columbia to work with City/MTA to have signage posted

- Columbia will work with Academy Bus to have signage posted on the buses informing drivers and members of the district that the shuttle service can be used.
- Transportation Committee Review
- Routes - Columbia, Academy, Bus Stop Management
- USDOT regulate bus lines
- Metrics collected via - the PassioGo application
- Seniors can be entered manually by drivers
- Shuttle routes are included within the CityMapper platform
- Branding and Outreach is important - we don't want to just check a box
- Issue observed that Sports team charter buses idling in the streets
- Academy bus representatives will look into the issue reported.

#### **Update from NYPD 26th Precinct**

- Representatives from 26th Precinct were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

#### **Update from NYPD 30th Precinct**

- Capt. Rose and P.O Stumer were able to attend briefly.
- Many precincts were being asked to patrol areas of the city where there are Jewish places of worship
- Capt. Rose would like to extend an invite to the Community Council meeting at the end of the month
- Discussed traffic enforcement on Riverside Drive, Amsterdam Ave. and Convent Avenue. Seeing issues with double parked cars, cars idling, commercial vehicles not moving, and large size trailers driving through our district.
- Removal of the newsstand between 136th and 137th Street & Broadway.
- Will increase patrols in that area as well as within Montefiore Park
- Stepping up enforcement for shoplifting and illegal vending - working with stores to identify repeat offenders and ensure they are arrested

#### **Update from NYPD TD3**

- Representatives from Transit Division 3 Precinct were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

#### **Update from NYPD PSA6 - P.O. Wilbourn/ P.O. Ettienne**

- Representatives from Housing PSA6 were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

#### **Update from NYC DOT - Lyle Blackwood**

- Milling and Resurfacing currently taking place in CB9
- Corridor on 145th & St. Nicholas Avenue - survey being scheduled with different agencies
  - i. Task Force - Chief Stevenson include Jay (from tenants association)
- Member C. Johnson brought up a resident on 145th and Convent complaining that rainwater dispersion has changed
  - i. Lyle asked that the resident reach out to him via email. Pictures and videos would help.

- Issues on 150th/151st and Riverside Drive impacting The Gateway 151 site - it is being addressed under parks
- Member Hardin-Cordero brought up that on 145th and st. nicholas - barriers that guided cars turning have been removed during resurfacing
  - i. Lyle will look into getting them replaced
- Member Johnson brought up the following issues:
  - i. On 146th off of convent has a street light not working, trees might have to be pruned
  - ii. Senior Center at Hamilton Grange - issues ADA - no standing, needs site visit
  - iii. Street lights not working 143rd and 145th and Amsterdam Avenue
- Speed bumps recently on installed Convent Avenue between 135th and 140th streets appear to be helping the issue with speeding
  - i. Took about 2 years to get the 3 speed bumps installed
- Contact information for Lyle Blackwood, DOT Northern Manhattan Borough Planner, Phone#: (212) 839-6218, E-mail: lblackwood@dot.nyc.gov

## VI. Action Items

- **New Liquor License Applications**
  - i. 1608 Harlem Restaurant Group LLC @ 1608-10 Amsterdam Avenue-South Unit NYC 10031
  - ii. La Casita Taqueria Restaurant Corp. @ 1484 Amsterdam Avenue NYC 10031
  - iii. Up 2878 LLC AKA Upside Pizza @ 2878 Broadway NYC 10025
  - iv. 23818 LLC AKA Cordial @ 3448 Broadway Store # 5 NYC 10031
  - v. The U Bar and Grill @ 1207 Amsterdam Avenue NYC 10027
  - vi. Summerville Enterprises, Inc. AKA Morningside Cafe @ 353 West 110th Street NYC 10024
  - vii. El Capri III Inc. @ 3379 Broadway NYC 10031
- Committee went over each application. All applicants filled out the CB9 questionnaire. Applications reviewed with the NYPD 26th & 30th Precincts
- All members in agreement to advance the new liquor license applications to the October executive board meeting.
- **Liquor License Renewal Applications**
  - i. Green Tree Chinese Restaurant AKA 123 Nikko @ 1280 Amsterdam Avenue NYC 10027
  - ii. Vale Hospitality Group LLC AKA The Vale Public House @ 3473 Broadway NYC 10031
  - iii. Harlem Wines and Bites Corp. AKA Cocteleria Perla Negra @ 3454 Broadway NYC 10031
  - iv. Sapparo Upper West Side Inc. AKA Sapps UWS @ 2888 Broadway NYC 10025
  - v. Maison Harlem @ 341 St. Nicholas Avenue NYC 10027

- vi. 1588 Harlem Restaurant Group LLC AKA Uncle Tony's Pizza @ 1596 Amsterdam Avenue
- vii. 3495 Broadway Cafe Inc. AKA Hamiltons Hall @ 3495 Broadway NYC 10031
- viii. South Lake Hospitality Group Inc. AKA Harlem Public @ 3612 Broadway NYC 10031
- Committee discussed the renewal applications. No SLA violations found by the committee. Renewals were reviewed with the NYPD 26th & 30th Precincts
- All members in agreement to advance the renewal liquor license applications to the October executive board meeting.

**VII. Old Business**

- None at this time.

**VIII. New Business**

- None at this time.

**IX. Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by F. Castillo. Seconded by C. Johnson.
- Meeting adjourned by Co-Chair S. Prophete at 8:30 PM.

*Please Note: The next UTS Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7th, 2024*

*Minutes submitted by S. Prophete*