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CHAIR'S REPORT – JUNE 2026

Multicultural Festival

The annual Multicultural festival was held this past Saturday at Jackie Robinson Park. I, along with 1st Vice Chair Monique Hardin-Cordero and Clotilde Monguya, had the opportunity to attend the event. Once again, CB9 Board Member Joyce Adewumi organized an extraordinary event showcasing the city's diverse cultures. We are all looking forward to part (2) on St. Nicholas Ave. this coming weekend (6/13/26).

CCNY Fencing/Gate

In late May, I had the opportunity to meet with CCNY Provost Anthony Liss regarding the installation of fencing and gates along the sidewalk at St. Nicholas/140th St. I explained that this was offensive to the community and posed an obstacle for wheelchair users, people using other walking devices, and parents with baby carriages. During the June UFST meeting, two representatives from CCNY were present to hear Board Members' objections to the temporary fencing/gate. We will follow up on this issue in the coming week.

Hudson River Community Sailing (HRCS)

Several months ago, CB9 passed a resolution in support of HRCS bringing instructional sailing to the West Harlem Piers (125th ST). During the past month, I had the opportunity to meet with Robert Burke of the HRCS group to discuss further the organization's plans to bring sailing to the West Harlem Piers. This organization would provide instructional sailing to the young people of CB9. Robert and I discuss the various youth organizations that HRCS could contact for this incredible opportunity. We also discussed approaching Columbia about using the space in the former Fairway parking lot for storage. We have other meetings planned to move this project forward.

Riverside Drive Viaduct Construction

Construction on the Riverside Drive viaduct (158th–152nd streets) has ceased for nearly a year now. This has resulted in a major inconvenience for area residents, blocking direct entry to their buildings and the loss of dozens of parking spaces. On June 13, a rally will be held at the viaduct to protest these egregious conditions.

The Gatekeeper Collective

Earlier this month, the Gatekeepers Collective held the “Harlem Renaissance 2.0” event. This event honored Heroes and “Sheroes” from the SGLBTQ+ community during the Harlem Renaissance. Large banners were installed along 125th street displaying the faces of:

Alberta Hunter - Singer Dorothy West - Writer Richard Bruce Nugent – Artist/writer

Edna Thomas –Actress Hall Johnson – Composer/Arranger

These banners will not only serve as a way to honor these icons of the Black / SGLBTQ+ community but also as an educational tool for our younger community members.

Welcome and Welcome Back

I would like to express a warm welcome to our newest CB9 Board Members and a welcome back to our returning members. The CB9 Executive Committee and Board staff looks forward to working with each of you to continue our mission of improving conditions in our District.

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