

# Chair's Report

**March 17, 2016**

- CB 9 is spearheading a LGBTQ taskforce. The taskforce will serve to address many issues concerning the LGBTQ community within CB 9. To allow persons who identify as LGBTQ a means of raising awareness to issues; developing means to find solutions to these issue; to allow for community planning and integration with other community events and to ensure that concerns for this community are not overlooked. The initial chair of the LGBTQ Taskforce will be Barry Weinberg, and board and community members will be free to join.
- CB will be convening its By-Laws sub-committee to align its bylaws with those that of the BP. To prepare, the BP's office will be having a working meeting to "review the significant progress some of you have made in the process; present our proposed bylaws template, and compare experiences of boards engaged in the bylaws revision process". The meeting on March 24th will be at the Northern Manhattan office: 431 West 125th Street New York, NY 10027. All interested parties are to rsvp to Paola Liriano, at 212-669-2094 or pliriano@manhattanbp.nyc.gov
- CB9's office is outreaching out to Manhattanville Housing to arrange for the April General board meeting to be held at their community space. The intent is to encourage participation and voicing of concerning by residents to the CB.
- CB 9 would like to offer congratulations to Carolyn Thompson on receiving an award from the Manhattan West Democratic Club, for her role of activism and dedication within the Harlem Community.
- City Hall and DOHMH will be implementing various initiatives throughout the city that serves to address mental health and homelessness issues. As information comes to the CB 9 office I will ask staff to share, but I would also ask committee chairs to be on the look-out for these initiatives and how they might fit in with their agendas and goals that they hope to accomplish for this year. There is substantial funding behind these initiatives, and while the funding will not come directly to the board, but through collaboration with city agencies, committees can address pressing issues that affect our district. Please be on the look-out for these initiatives and let the office know of how you may want to take advantage of these initiatives.
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- Please keep Eutha in your prayers. She is currently recovering from a medical procedure and last heard is doing well and recovering fine. She is dearly missed and we look forward to her being part of the office again. She is still staying abreast of issues that are ongoing and providing support to the many items that are underway from the board office.

- We have received notification from Councilmember Dicken's office to some of the changes that is considered for the MIH/ZQA rezoning plan. The percentage of housing at various percentages of AMI has increased; there are restrictions on senior housing with the Sliver Law being kept in place; off-site option remains intact; extra space to allow for commercial and senior housing has been removed from Manhattan core, but remains relevant to CB9. The full vote in the Council is scheduled for next Thursday.
- There is an indication that some NYCHA buildings may have elevated levels of lead. We are currently reaching out to various City agencies and elected officials to determine whether any of these buildings are within the CB 9 catchment area, and if there are any such buildings, what can be done to address this issue.

**Submitted by: Padmore John**