

# CHAIR'S REPORT

## NOVEMBER, 2017

I ask that you remember the many people that are affected by natural disasters, those nearby as well as those far from home. It's important that we recognize that climate change continues to have an effect on our planet and our lives and as such must act in ways that is accountable to its impact on the planet.

### **125<sup>th</sup> St BID Street Lighting**

Please participate in the Street Lighting Ceremony organized BY 125<sup>TH</sup> St BID and sponsored by CB9. Together with the Children's Village which CB9 always sponsors, there will be Silent DJ Party, an Ugly Sweater Contest, the yearly Float (open to CB 9 Board members) and a new Health Village. It will be a very festive and event, celebrating community spirit and collaboration. There are over 30 Harlem Business and agencies that are participating. Hope to see you all there.

### **Participation in the FY19 Budget Discussion**

We have submitted our origin request to the City identifying needs within the community and where funding will be allocated. The next step is the response from City Agencies. Once this response has been received by CB9, we will be convening a second time as we formulate a response to City Agencies on what we think should be funded and where we might be able to coordinate a collected response.

### **WHDC Revisioning Session**

Together with other CBOs with the CB9 area, CB9, represented by myself and the First Vice Chair Victor Edwards and Arts Committee Chair Joyce Adewumi, had the opportunity to discuss means by which WHDC would be looking to reengage the community, other organizations and grant recipients about the expenditure and steward of the funding associated with the Community Benefit Agreement. Significant amongst this is the nearly 19M in in-kind funds that have not been allocated as well as means by which WHDC can acquire and manage low-income housing. The goal is to strategize and develop new methods of engagement with the public, secure a strong footing within the neighborhood with structural acquisitions, identify new solutions to community problems and support these solutions through financial and collaborative means and to leverage already developed relationships as an added value to what WHDC is offering. As this strategy takes shape over the next months we will look to engage with WHDC to determine our support to these endeavors.

### **FC Harlem**

FC Harlem has been approved by the Public Design Commission on its plan for the development of its covered outdoor field. They will be having a ground breaking ceremony on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, with an expected completion time of Summer of 2018. The field will facilitate a growing program that builds self-esteem, teamwork, community capacity and a pipeline to encourage sports and healthy habits within CB9 youth. The field will also address a long running drainage issue that has been a cause of recurring mosquito infestations at the park for quite some time. FC Harlem works to create more opportunities for Black and Latino youth from Harlem, Washington Heights and the Bronx to participate in soccer for minimum to no cost. To develop and prepare youth to be CONFIDENT, COMPETENT and CARING future leaders;

and to develop a creative player from the inner city that will positively impact the US Soccer landscape.

**“Marita Dunn Day”**

A day in honor of Maritta Dunn was recognized by Congressional Proclamation, for Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. The event highlighted the work that Ms. Dunn has done in support of CB9. The event was held at the Baylander and was attended by elected as well as some CB9 members. Congratulations to Ms. Dunn.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Padmore John". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "J".

Padmore John  
Chair