

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10
Economic Development, Technology & Communications Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: June 11th 2026

Time: 6:35 PM

Location: Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual)

Committee Leadership

Presiding Chair: Shatic Mitchell, First Vice Chair, Manhattan Community Board 10

Committee Attendance:

Hon. Shatic Mitchell, Present

Hon. Lourdes Smart, Present

Hon. Ernest Clayton, Present

Hon. Alyah Horsford-Sidberry, Present

Hon. Brandon Jacobs, Present

Hon. Phaleya Burnside, Present

Hon. Venice Grimes Jr., Present

Hon. Sylvia Khatcherian, Present

Hon. Deneane Brown-Blackmon, Present (Online)

Hon. Deirdre Fisher-Kemp, Present (Online)

Hon. Lashanda Myers, Absent

Hon. Stanley Gleaton, Absent

Hon. William Council, Absent

Call to Order

First Vice Chair Shatic Mitchell called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and welcomed attendees. Committee members present in person and online were acknowledged. Prior to the agenda items, concerns raised by community member Nicole York regarding noise complaints and alleged compliance issues involving Harlem Shark Bar were noted for the record.

Presentation: Harlem International Museum of Black History and African Culture

Presenter: Donald Clayton, Executive Director

Mr. Clayton provided an overview of the Harlem International Museum of Black History and African Culture, a Harlem-based institution established in 1972. He highlighted the museum's extensive collection and current exhibitions, including a 42-panel Smithsonian exhibition documenting the Black presence during the American Revolution.

Mr. Clayton discussed the organization's ongoing efforts to secure a permanent location to house its collection and expand educational programming. He also outlined plans to collaborate with Columbia University and support Black Studies curriculum initiatives.

Committee members discussed potential locations for the museum and opportunities for collaboration with existing cultural institutions, including the Urban League's proposed Civil Rights Museum.

Discussion Items:

- Need for a permanent museum facility in Harlem
 - Preservation of Harlem's cultural and historical legacy
 - Potential partnerships with educational and cultural institutions
 - Space requirements and funding opportunities
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Presentation: Canurban NY LLC – Cannabis Production Facility

Presenter: Scheril Murray Powell, Esq.

Ms. Powell presented plans for Canurban NY LLC, a proposed 100% Rastafarian and Pan-African cannabis cultivation and production facility in Harlem.

The facility would focus on:

- Breeding and seed selection
- Cultivation and processing
- Manufacturing of sacramental and culturally relevant cannabis products
- Statewide distribution

Ms. Powell emphasized the project's commitment to community hiring, workforce development, and economic empowerment. The operation is expected to begin with approximately ten employees and potentially expand through grower residency programs and workforce training partnerships.

Operating hours are anticipated to be between 8:00 AM and 10:00 PM for pickups and deliveries. The facility is projected to open around August 1.

Discussion Items:

- Community hiring opportunities
- Workforce development partnerships
- Collaboration with Harlem Business Alliance and the Office of Cannabis Management
- Future plans for a retail dispensary within 25 miles of the production site

Follow-Up:

- Ms. Powell will coordinate with District Manager Kendall Glaspie regarding future employment and community engagement opportunities.

SLA Application Review: Fox Harlem – FIFA World Cup One-Day Permit

Applicant Representatives: Susanna Koteen, Bianca Horn

The committee reviewed Fox Harlem's application for a one-day permit allowing outdoor alcohol service during FIFA World Cup events.

Committee members discussed the establishment's previous denial and concerns regarding:

- Prior unauthorized outdoor alcohol service
- Outdoor barricading issues
- Noise complaints from neighboring residents
- Compliance with SLA regulations

Representatives from Fox Harlem described corrective measures taken to improve compliance, including restricting outdoor access, closing curtains, and implementing operational controls.

Deputy Inspector James Whitlock of the 28th pct. provided comments prior to the regarding recent compliance improvements while noting prior enforcement concerns.

The applicants reported that 5–6 security personnel would be assigned during World Cup events.

Committee Action

A motion was made to support the application subject to the following conditions:

- Enhanced security presence during events
- Compliance with all SLA and City regulations
- Adherence to approved operating hours
- Continued cooperation with community stakeholders regarding quality-of-life concerns

Vote: Approved (6) Yes, (3) No

SLA Application Review: Harlem Shark Bar

Applicant Representative: Demetrius Bragg

The committee reviewed Harlem Shark Bar's application for a Full Liquor License at 341 Lenox Avenue.

Mr. Bragg explained that the application had previously received Community Board approval but was denied by the State Liquor Authority due to the 200-Foot Rule involving proximity to a house of worship. He informed the committee that recent legislative changes now permit the application to move forward.

Mr. Bragg outlined the establishment's operations, including:

- Community-oriented programming
- Private event hosting
- Local business partnerships

Community members raised concerns regarding:

- Noise complaints
- Vibrations impacting neighboring properties
- Past compliance issues

The applicant acknowledged the concerns and committed to implementing corrective measures, including evaluating soundproofing and mitigation strategies within the next 30–90 days.

Committee Action

A motion was made to approve the Full Liquor License Application.

Vote: Approved Unanimously (9) Yes, (0) No

Renewal Applications

Harlem Café

The committee reviewed the renewal application for Harlem Café.

Vote: Approved Unanimously (9) Yes, (0) No

La Tarenga

The committee reviewed the renewal application for La Tarenga.

Vote: Approved Unanimously (9) Yes, (0) No

Committee Actions Summary

| Item | Action |
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| Fox Harlem – FIFA World Cup One-Day Permit | Approved with conditions (6) Yes, (3) No |
| Harlem Shark Bar – Full Liquor License | Approved unanimously (9) Yes, (0) No |
| Harlem Café – Renewal Application | Approved unanimously (9) Yes, (0) No |
| La Tarenga – Renewal Application | Approved unanimously (9) Yes, (0) No |

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by: Shatic Mitchell 1st Vice-Chair

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