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## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS**

Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 14, 2021 - 6:30 PM

Hon. Marquis A. Harrison, Chair

Hon. Dr. Cheryl Smith, Vice Chair

**Members in Attendance:** Marquis Harrison, Cheryl Smith, Charles Johnson, Jocelyn Clinton, Shanelle Washington, Stanley Gleaton, Maurice Franklin, Joshua Clennon, Lisa Downing, Deneane Brown-Blackmon, LaShanda Meyers

**Chair Introduction:** The meeting began at 6:39 pm. The Chair requested that board members introduce themselves and introduced the Community First section of the agenda. The community first section will be the first 10 minutes of the agenda and enable community members to bring forth issues important to them related to economic development and technology.

**Community First (10 minutes maximum)** No community comments

### **Presentations:**

**Black Entrepreneurs NYC, Kenneth Ebie**, Executive Director and Chief Development Officer of Office of Small Business, Black Entrepreneurs NYC. Office is tasked with explicitly with providing information and resources, launching programs and initiatives that are expressly focused on supporting people who are trying to start and scale businesses in the black community. Mr. Ebie described partnerships with several private organizations (Ernst and Young, Goldman Sachs, etc.) to assist in their efforts. The PowerPoint presentation will be made available to community board 10.

**125<sup>th</sup> Street BID, Barbara Akins**, President/CEO presented on the Parade of Lights, held November 16, 2021. Partners are CB 9 & 10, and Mount Morris Park Community Improvement Association. The lighted floats will extend to 110<sup>th</sup> Street and circle the Mount Morris historic district. The Grand Marshall will be Nick Cannon. The BID is in the process of creating an augmented reality audio tour of 10 different destinations along 125<sup>th</sup> Street. Keith Wright has agreed to do the voiceover for the audio portion.

## SLA Applicants

- A. [Renaissance Harlem](#) is located as a (RENEWAL) received on 10/14/2021. This business is located at [2245 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd](#)  
*Cross Street: Between W. 132nd Street and W. 133rd Street*  
[CB10 SLA 30-Day Advance Notice Form Request for Waiver of 30-Day Notice](#)
- Chef Cisse Elhadji, owner and John Lynch, attorney present
  - Current license expires October 31, 2021; Chef Cisse stated that the delay was due to the staff being overwhelmed.
  - Renaissance Harlem is requesting a letter from committee stating that vote was taken and will be forwarded to the executive committee on November 27<sup>th</sup>
  - Vote Passed (unanimous)* – 30 day notice with waiver
- B. [Harlem Nights LTD](#) is an (ALTERATION) SLA Applicant, received on 9/09/2021 18:44:26. This business is located [2361 7th Ave, New York, NY 10030](#).  
*Cross Street: Between W. 138th Street and W. 139th Street*  
[CB10 SLA 30-Day Advance Notice Form 311 Complaints](#)
- Request alteration of facility for SLA
- Owner, Claud Fatu present
  - Harlem Nights LTD is seeking to expand into neighboring space. Current occupancy of 79 persons and requesting expansion of the space by 25 seats to total 105.
  - SLA license is active.
  - Neighbors have not had formal notice of expansion.
  - Employ 14 individuals at bar and 6 at coffee shop (also owned on the block)
  - Vote – Motion to hold application until committee receives indication of community support. *Vote: Passed* – 1 recusal
  - Owner agrees to appear at November 2021 EC meeting with community support (letter of support as petition or have residents that are impacted by the business).

### Discussions:

#### District Needs Statement

Joshua Clennon requesting ideas for district needs statement from committee members be submitted by Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Smith suggested that we support community members obtaining food handling licenses. These licenses are required for food trucks as well as other catering businesses.

**Old Business:** No old business

**New Business:** No new business

**Announcements:**

**Shanelle Washington:** Halloween gathering at State Office Building sponsored by OGS from 2-6 pm

**Dr. Cheryl Smith:** Marcus Meets Malcolm's Halloween events will occur October 27 – 31 on 120<sup>th</sup> Street bet Malcolm X Blvd and Mount Morris Park West. Information will be forwarded to the office.

**Adjournment**