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ARTS & CULTURE

Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 9 2022

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present: George Harrell, Wilma Brown Phillips, Dr. Maurice Franklin, Tamara Martin
Committee Members Absent: Debra Gilliard, Crystal McKay, Kimberly McLaurin, Shadawn Smith, Stephanie Palmer, Shanelle Washington, Kamaria Milford
Committee Members Excused: None

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM. The committee welcomed presentations from presenters hosting events in Harlem during the Spring/ Summer 2022 events and program initiatives from presenters: Marco Shalma (MASC Hospitality Group), Aleathia Brown (Unveiled Unlocked), Nikoa Evans (New Harlem Festival), Rev. Cohen (Teaching a Generation T.A.G. Youth Program).

SUMMARY

Marco Shalma, Founder - [MASC Hospitality Group](#) announced the return of the Uptown Night Market in Harlem for the Spring/ Summer 2022 season. The festival is a foodie series that includes over 50 eclectic vendors representing the city's culinary, packaged goods, arts & crafts and on stage performances by local musicians. Uptown Night Market takes place every second Thursday of the month. May 28th For more details, visit the website at <https://www.uptownnightmarket.com/>
Instagram: @uptownnightmarket Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/2x5Pk0Ogu>.

Nikoa Evans, Co- Founder, Strategy & Business Development and Yvonne McNair, Technical & Talent Producer - Harlem Festival of Culture presented an overview of the musical festival series, Harlem Cultural Festival. With the support of the producers of the Oscar nominated Summer of Soul documentary, Musa Jackson has partnered with fellow Harlem based entertainment cultural and business influencers Nikoa Evans and Yvonne McNair to executive produce the return of the iconic cultural festival series to Marcus Garvey Park with a series of live entertainment and economic development programming during the first annual celebration launching Spring 2022; and a multi outdoor festival in Summer 2023. For more information visit the website at www.harlemfestivalofculture.com For partnership opportunities contact LaToiya Dennis at latoyia@captivemarketinggroup.com or call 817-800-5539.

Aleathia Brown, Founder - [Unveiled Unlocked](#) announced the 10th anniversary celebration of Unveiled Unlocked; an artist collective celebrating women and men in the hairfree community. The theme for the celebration is *Honoring Our Crown: Finding New Directions* will include a series of artist conversations, events and performances on the HARLEM WEEK stage at various locations throughout Harlem and virtually throughout the Spring/ Summer 2022. Artists from the collective

gave brief presentations from Deborah Gray “Mamma Dee” (poet), Ramani (translator/ poet), Lloyd of Body Mechanic NYC (sound and vibration therapy) and Noreen Chambers. Unveiled Unlocked’s Honoring Our Crown series at HARLEM WEEK will take place on Sunday August 14th at “A Great Day in Harlem” at Grant's Tomb Plaza located at W 122nd St &, Riverside Dr, New York, 10027 and will also be featured at the YMCA stage on HARLEM DAY on Saturday, August 21st. For more information on events and programs email unveiledunlocked@gmail.com.

Janet Cohen for Rev. Cohen, Community Initiatives of New York, - announced a weekly youth program that includes youth in the process of identifying their talents and helps to develop solutions to issues concerning the community through mentorship opportunities. Teaching a Generation is currently seeking to connect business owners from the local community and professionals with youth for mentorship and talent development and to experiment and explore their talents. Teaching a Generation meets every Thursday 4:30PM-6:30PM and invites the community to stop by to listen to the youth. The organization is seeking teaching artists. For more information visit on Facebook [Teaching A Generation- TAG](#) located at Salem United Methodist Church located at 2190 Adam Clayton Powell Jr Blvd, New York, NY 10027 Meeting Dates/ Times: Thursday 4:30PM-6:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM