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ARTS & CULTURE

Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 12, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present: Hon. George Harrell, Hon. Wilma Brown Phillips,
Hon. Mian Reed, Hon. Shadawn Smith, Hon Kamara Milford, Hon. Jaran Manzaner

Committee Members Absent: Hon. Stephanie Palmer, Hon. Crystal McKay
Hon. Mikaela Berry, Hon. Tiffany Bowen.

Committee Members Excused: None

Board Members Present: Hon Cicely Harris, Hon. Maurice
Franklin, Hon Shawn Brannon, Hon Derek Perkinson,

Staff: Shatic Mitchell, CB-10 Manager, Jasmin Heatley, Community Associate

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM By Art and Culture Chair Honorable George Harrell
Art and Culture Co-Chair Honorable Wilma Brown Philips, called the rolls of committee members
and also acknowledged all CB-10 Board Members present. Wilma introduced the CB-10 Chair
Cicely Harris. The Hon. Cicely Harris brought greetings and welcomed everyone back.
Both Chair and Co-Chair, also welcomed all community members present on the zoom call.

SUMMARY

Manhattan Borough President's Office - Honorable Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine

Presenters: Honorable Deputy Manhattan Borough President Keisha
Sutton James presented on behalf of Borough President Mark Levine.

Website: [https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/`](https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/)

Manhattan Borough President's Office (MBPO) provides assistance to constituents across a broad
range of issues that include, quality of life, housing, health, COVID relief, economic development
and business support for arts and culture groups.

MBPO provides leadership and direct support to the CB10 committee and the cultural community
at large including all community boards, particularly uptown's CB 9, 10, 11 and 12.

MBPO convenes with arts and culture groups to focus on struggling arts, institutions, individual
artists, gig workers impacted by the pandemic. MBPO facilitates virtual town hall meetings with

renowned experts to focus on collaboration and encourage the pooling of resources for arts in Upper Manhattan, especially during the crisis, and beyond.

MBPO work's with Harlem's cultural organizations to leverage city funding and provide high level attention from top city agencies and government officials to provided referrals for legal service providers, small business loans, grant funding opportunities and key contacts to bridge art groups with needed assistance. At that time to then brought in our discussion to talk about funding philanthropy and technical assistance opportunities.

For general information and for updates regarding grants opportunities and timelines visit the Manhattan Borough President's website at <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/>.

Funding cycle - We provide one time 3,000 to \$7,000 in grants. (Deadline for that cycle was August 26). We will also have nonprofit Capital Funding grants on our website soon. The deadline is sometime in January.

Question from Dr. Franklin – Will the MBPO provide technical assistance and capacity support for those organization seeing assistance in completing the grant application.

Answer: We are looking into that possibility.

HARLEM WEEK Inc.

Presenter: Voza Rivers, Vice Chair - HARLEM WEEK Inc. Website: <https://www.harlemweek.com>

Mr. Rivers presented on the 48th year of Harlem Week activities. He highlighted the collaborate with Lincoln Center (presenting Cuban Dance), Harlem Summer Stage. Jazz on the Hill in Central Park, and the Alex Trebek Spelling Bee hosted at the Schomburg on 13th and Lennox. He also highlighted Mayor Eric Adams request for Rise UP New York activities in Harlem.

Mr. Rivers was excited to update on the Summer Stage activities on 135th street featuring two of Harlem's favorite Son's (Freddie Jackson and Douggie Fresh. Both entertained large crowds.

Other Activities Highlighted

- Restaurant Week
- The collaboration between NYC Tourism Company and the Chamber of Commerce
- Job Fair

African American Day Breakfast – African American Day Parade, Inc.,

Presenter: Deneane Brown, President

Ms. Brown-Blackmon thanked Voza Rivers for his selfless commitment to the community. She also talked about the breakfast and the CB-10 float. She also mentioned the honorees of this year's breakfast.

2022 HONOREES:

Eric L. Adams | Mayor of NYC

Larry Scott-Blackmon | VP of Public Affairs, Fresh Direct

Melba Wilson | Founder/Owner of Melba's Restaurant

Alyah Horsford-Sidberry | Owner/Executive Director of The Cove

Chef EJhadji Cisse | Owner of Ponty Bistro

4 Scholarship to four college students.

UNVEILED UNLOCKED/ ALEATHIA'S ORIGINAL ARTWORKS

Presenter: Aleathia Brown - Founder

Website: [Unveiled Unlocked/ Aleathia's Original Artworks](https://www.unveiledunlocked.com)

Ms. Brown, Gave an update and shared pictures on past activities. She also shared photos of past successes and future activities.

For more information email UnveiledUnlocked@gmail.com Follow us on: fb, instagram, twitter, LinkedIn during HARLEM WEEK

District Needs Statement.

Presenter Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin reported on the District Needs survey. Dr. Franklin spoke about the importance of the district wide needs survey and encouraged all present to complete the survey. He mentioned that this year would be the first year that the Art and Culture Committee, would have a separate narrative included in the district wide strategic needs assessment. He thanked the Chair and Co-Chair for their direction and support.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair call for adjournment at 7:25 P.M.