



CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Committee Minutes

Monday, January 9th, 2023 6:30PM

Hon. George Harrell, Chair

Hon. Wilma Brown Phillips, Vice Chair

Hon. Marquis A. Harrison
Chairperson

Shatic Mitchell
District Manager

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members Present: Hon. George Harrell, Hon. Wilma Brown Phillips, Hon. Kamaria Milford, Hon. Shadawn Smith, Hon. Jaran David Manzanet. **Committee Members Absent:** Hon. Mikaela Berry, Hon. Tiffany Bowen, Hon. Crystal McKay, Hon. Kimberly McLaurin, Hon. Stephanie Palmer, Hon. Milan Reed. **Board Members Present:** Hon. Karen Horry- Chair, Parks and Recreation Hon. Marquis A. Harrison, Chairperson for Community Board 10

MEETING OVERVIEW

The meeting was called to order at 6:32PM. The committee welcomed presentations from those who are promoting Harlem's cultural landscape through entertainment and tourism initiatives. Presenters included William Hamer, Founder- Harlem Advocate for Seniors, Vy Higginsen, Founder- The Mama Foundation for the Arts- Mama I Want to Sing! Musa Jackson and Nikoa Evans Hendricks, Co-Founders- Harlem Festival of Culture Ambassador, Gaidi Finnie with Jay Van Buren from San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art.

SUMMARY

William Hamer, Founder- Harlem Advocate for Seniors: Highlighting the events of the holiday season for 2022. Advocacy organization that engages and empowers the older adults to age in place at home in the Harlem Community. Discussed how PetaWane was able to contribute to the Annual Holiday Party at the Kennedy Center. <https://hasharlem.org/>

Vy Higginsen, Founder- The Mama Foundation for the Arts- Mama I Want to Sing! 40th Anniversary: Wanting to come together and celebrate Black Music, Black History Month, and Black Voices. Celebrating Mama, I Want to Sing! becoming the longest running Black Off-Broadway Theatre Musical in American History. @ El Museo Del Barrio 1230 5th Ave and 104th St. <https://www.mamafoundation.org/>

Musa Jackson and Nikoa Evans-Hendricks Co Founder - [Harlem Cultural Festival](https://www.harlemfestivalofculture.com/) wants to work with Community Board 10 in order to set up a multi-day Music Festival during the summer of 2023, preferably July 28th through the 30th. As well as setting up pillars for the youth through development, health, economic, and equity development. Other opportunities are coming soon. <https://www.harlemfestivalofculture.com/>

Gaidi Finnie with Jay Van Buren from San Diego African American Museum of Fine Art. presented the idea of the Harlem Walk of Honor. Here you would have the opportunity to have Augmented Reality Memorials (A Living Memorial). The idea is to be able to access the memorial through panels and a virtual image would speak to you while giving a brief history of the individual or landmark. Access would be granted through your mobile device (interactive). <https://sdaamfa.org/>

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08PM