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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 6:00pm**  
**Hon. Cicely Harris, Chair**

**Elected Officials**

**Shanna Harmongoff – NYS Senator Brian Benjamin**

COVID Rent Relief Program has reopened and the deadline to apply is February 1, 2021. COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure and Prevention Act was signed into law Dec 28, 2020 and the Eviction Prevention Hardship Declaration Form is now available.

**Nina Norwood – Assemblywoman Inez Dickens**

The Assemblywoman has been working on projects concerning the Health and Hospitals as well as Small Businesses and Police Relations in Harlem. Information will be forthcoming.

**Nina Saxon – Comptroller Scott Stringer**

Comptroller wrote a strong letter to the Biden Administration regarding the vaccination rollout. The process should be fast and transparent. Secondly the Summer Internship in the Comptroller's Office. The application can be found on the website at <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/jobs/summer-internship-program/>

**Jacques Brumvil – District Attorney's Office**

Harlem office remains open offering services virtually. But you can make an in person appointments on Tuesday 's and Thursday's we can be reached on 212-864-7884. In honor of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February looking to partner with any schools or youth based organizations to provide a presentation to open up discussions regarding this issue.

**Cordell Cleare – District Leader**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Holiday events that I had including the coat drive, Christmas feeding. There was a gap in services over the holidays. Call on the Community Board to help get resources to ensure the community is fed. Thanks to Brian Benjamins office for support. Thanks to the community who helped register voters this past summer. Our community has a lot of questions about the vaccine and there is a great deal of distrust. Suggest that the Health Committee of CB10 have a Forum to answer questions and help the community better understand the vaccine. Want to follow up with CB10 around an issue that was brought up at the 28<sup>th</sup> precinct meeting involving Graham Court on 116 and ACP. Has had scaffolding around it and it is attracting a group of people who may have substance abuse or mental illness. There is no crime but they are creating unsafe conditions.

**Gale Brewer – Manhattan Borough President**

Having a forum on the vaccine with two doctors the information will be on the website on Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>.

-Borough President Eric Adams and council member Rodriguez did a press conference the morning of January 6<sup>th</sup> around support around who gets the vaccine.

-Recently became aware that restaurants in our area are equipped with the kind of refrigeration needed to store the vaccine. Nobody is talking to them about storing vaccine.

-Thank the Fire Department and the tenants of Lenox Terrace being very quick on the scene today. There was a lot of smoke but no one was hurt.

-Working to ensure people are not evicted through State funding but also to ensure that our local Restaurants get the PPP that is available to them. Empire State Development announced Grants that will be available. The information will be on our social media and in our Newsletter.

-The Arts which has the Open Culture Program with the City of New York DOT. Now the Fund for the City of New York has money for People of Color. All information will be in our Newsletter

-There were listening sessions with the police. Uptown and Downtown Manhattan North and South. Arva Rice, Jennifer Austin and the Head of Robin Hood are all persons who are to supply information to the Mayor and the Governor by April 1.

#### **William Allen – District Leader**

Good evening and Happy New Year. 2.5 million meals distributed through NAN.

#### **Michelle Booker – Congressman Espailliat**

Congress has approved funding for small businesses, Not for Profit Organizations 501C3, 501C6. Also \$25B has been allocated to the State to assist with rental assistance. Applications will be open through March 31 as more information becomes available Michelle will let the community know.

#### **Myna Whyte – Assemblyman Al Taylor**

COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure and Prevention Act was signed into law Dec 28, 2020 and the Eviction Prevention Hardship Declaration Form is now available. Stops evictions until May 1 but only if residents submit the affidavit about eligibility. Strong supporter of the billionaires' tax. There is testing site at Esplanade Gardens every Friday 10am-4pm for the month of January.

#### **Rank Choice Voting (RCV) Presentation given by Rank the Vote NYC. Debbie Louis is the presenter.**

RCV was on the ballot in 2019 and it passed. Starting January 1, 2021 RCV will be used for all local primary and special elections for City Council, Borough President, Public Advocate, Comptroller and Mayoral elections. If there are only two candidates the standard voting practices apply. For more information please visit <https://rankthevoteny.org/>

#### **Chairs Report – Cicely Harris**

Covid-19 Forum with other Community Boards. Dr. Hazel Dukes along with the Health Committee were instrumental in ensuring that Community Board 10 was included in this Forum. What came out of the Forum was a commitment from Columbia to continue updates to the community.

The Bill BoJangles Park reopening in December. Walked with Assemblyman Al Taylor to other parks to look at current conditions and to discuss what next steps as a community to make the parks welcoming and safe.

### **District Manager Report – Shatic Mitchell**

Covid-19 numbers for the year ending 2020 – 860 Harlem residents have died from Covid-19 across all Community Board Districts. More than 12,600 positive cases of Covid-19. Three school buildings, PS41, PS242, PS197 in our District have been closed recently after reporting someone tested positive for Covid-19. Two schools in our District that have one classroom closed PS207, PS200 this happens when at least two positive Covid-19 tests are confirmed in the building. Vaccine that are expected to open in the future the Mayor announced that they will open 5 large scale vaccination centers in the upcoming weeks which will operate 24 hours a day. One of those sites will be La Marqueta located at 116 Street and Park Ave. Also because of the financial shortfall being experienced with the city, agencies funded by the city are being asked to reduce spending, that includes Community Boards whose budget has been reduced by \$11,781 for fiscal year 2021 and 2022. CB10 was able to deal with this shortfall in the 2021 budget alone. We have yet to receive a start date for the new hire for Community Assistant. At the Exec Bd in December it Shatic reported that 14 defendants were arrested for drug trafficking for selling crack cocaine and heroin. The defendants now face Federal charges. Attended the kickoff event for the Renaissance Pavilion on Strivers Row at Frederick Douglas Blvd and 137 Street which is a collaboration between Harlem Park to Park and Uber Eats.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Arts and Culture – George Harrell Chair**

No report

#### **Economic Development – Shanelle Washington Chair**

I want to confirm that the Board office sent out the email about Harlem AI Afrotech. HR6216 legislation about artificial intelligence please review. HR6145 legislation speaks to technology of the future. Let our Congressional representatives know that we need technology centers in this District. NYS first crypto currency task force is also mentioned in the email.

#### **Education Youth and Libraries**

Marquis Harrison reported. Participate in School District 5 along with the Harlem Boys and Girls Club toy give away for the holidays. Thank you to Derek Perkinson for providing hand sanitizer for the event. Our committee gave out book bags and school supplies. Thanks to committee members Joshua, Crystal, Tahanie, Stephanie for their participation. Thanks to Iesha Sekou for providing transportation to get our bags to the event.

### **Health and Human Services Hazel Dukes**

The Governor of NY has put together an Equity Vaccine Task Force, with Dr. Calvin Butts, Rev. Franklin Richardson, Dr. Dukes are on the committee. Rev. Sharpton is the coordinator for the work with the City. They are working out the logistics of where there will be vaccination stations. There will be a meeting next week to discuss when and where this will happen and that information will be given to the Board office to distribute. January 18 is MLK day and we will check to see if we will have our monthly meeting that day.

### **Transportation and Historic Preservation – Cicely Harris**

Meeting next Tuesday where we will have a presentation for a street co naming for Sheila Abdul Salaam. We will also continue to discuss Citi Bikes

### **Land Use – Karen Dixon Chair**

No Report. There is a presentation on Zoning Text Amendment

Last month DCP presented to the Land Use Committee on the Zoning for Coastal Resiliency. They are here today to make a presentation.

### **Housing Committee - Charles Powell Chair**

No report

### **Parks and Recreation – Karen Horry**

An RFP has been issued for Morningside Park Farmers Market the deadline for response is January 11. The committee unanimously supported to issue a letter of support for the renaming of the Langston Hughes Playground Basketball Court to the William Atmore Byrd, Sr. Classic Basketball Court. Highbridge Park is offering free Covid-19 testing the information is on the parks website, the location is 2301 Amsterdam Avenue they can be reached on 844-NYC4NYC testing is 9am-7pm. At Jackie Robinson Park the recreation center is closed. The learning Bridges Program through the Department of Education is open. Exonerated Five subcommittee- continue to get letters of support.

### **Public Safety - Charles Johnson**

Last month the Manhattan DA office did a presentation on bias and hate crimes which was very successful. We will have a presentation on identity theft from the DA office as well. Our next meeting is January 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

## **Presentation of Voting Items – All Votes taken by Common Consent Except Where Noted**

### ▪ **Economic Development, Technology & Communication**

- SLA New Application: 2099 8<sup>th</sup> Ave Rest. Corp., d/b/a Cantina Taqueria & Tequila Bar [2099 Eighth Ave., New York, NY 10026 \(Between 113<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> Streets on the West Side\)](#) – Full License. All committee members in favor but 1 no vote  
Full Board Vote: Passed with 2 Recusals
- SLA New Application: Bobal LLC., d/b/a Enoteca Harlem, [2220 Frederick Douglass Blvd, New York, NY 10026 \(Between 119<sup>th</sup> & 120<sup>th</sup> Streets on the East Side\)](#) – - Passed with all committee members in favor.  
Full Board Vote: Passed with 2 Recusals
- SLA New Application: Juliet master Events Inc., d/b/a The Edge Harlem, [101 Edgecombe Avenue, New York NY 10030 \(Between 139<sup>th</sup> & 140<sup>th</sup> Streets on the West Side\)](#) – Wine, Beer, & Cider Passed with all committee members in favor  
Full BoardVote: Passed Unanimously

### ▪ **Land Use**

- Zoning Text Amendment

After Hurricane Sandy and many buildings were damaged it was recognized that buildings needed to be brought into compliance. Rules in place now set to expire in 2021. New guidelines have four goals, Encourage Resiliency throughout the current and future floodplans, Support Long Term Redesign of all Building types, Allow for Adaptation over time through incremental retrofits and Facilitate future recovery by reducing regulatory obstacles. The area covers 135 Street on the East side up to 155<sup>th</sup> Street. Question: Any flood monitoring guidelines part of this project. Answer: Not that they are aware of. Question: any estimation of cost? Answer: No. Each project will be different so costs will vary. Question: will there be grants to help businesses pay for these changes? Answer: Yes

Passed by committee in December as well as the Exec Board Committee

Full Board Vote: Passed with 31 and 1 Recusal

### ▪ **Parks & Recreation**

- Renaming of Langston Hughes Playground Basketball Court to William Atmore Byrd, Sr. Classic Basketball Court Letter of Support.

Full Board Vote: Passed Unanimously

### ▪ **Public Safety**

- Street Corner Resources Letter of Support

Full Board Vote: Passed Unanimously

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

### **Announcements –**

**Karen Dixon -Harlem Hospital CAB having annual public meeting on January 28 from 12-2pm.**

**Delsinia Glover – NYC Council Committee on Land Use next hearing will be January 11 at 10 am.**

**Charles Powell – On Saturday January 16<sup>th</sup> FCBC at 3pm will be handing out coats for adults and children. Brand new coats.**

**Kevin Bitterman – FDB Alliance socially distances dining pods along Frederick Douglas Blvd.**

**Minutes prepared by Deborah Yates Secretary of the Board January 2021**