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CICELY HARRIS
Chairperson

May 6, 2020

General Board Meeting

SHATIC MITCHELL
District Manager

6:11 call to order meeting held via Zoom because of the Coronavirus

Elected Officials

Adrienne Felton Attorney Generals Office

Scam artists have been popping up everywhere. Disproportion of how the PPE is distributed. She will upload the report so Shatic has access to it and can send out to the community.

Nina Norwood NYC Assembly Member Inez Dickens

Still working to help constituents with filing for unemployment during his crisis. Working on getting meals for NYCHA and senior citizens in the district. Office open dealing with small businesses. You can contact me at nnorwood25@gmail.com if you need assistance.

Manhattan Borough President (MBP) Gale Brewer

District Manager has been everywhere and very impressed with Shatic Mitchell makes the effort 7 days a week. Congratulations to new members of Community Board 10. At this time the Census response has not been going well. Base numbers on Staten Island they are at 53%, 48.3% for Manhattan and 46.1% for all of New York City. MBP will be making calls to encourage people to say hello and to ask to complete the census. Congrats to the housing committee for doing a great job it was great to participate in their meeting. The rent moratorium currently expires at the end of June and the rent will be due. Next stimulus package should include, thanks to Congressman, monies for residential rent support it should also contain operating dollars for municipals and states so far nothing for commercial rents. Gave out 50,000 masks this week, churches, Riverbend, Riverton, Kennedy Center, Senegalese association, nursing homes, street corner resources also distributing masks. If you are in need of a mask please contact my office. Testing, tracing and treatment calls discussing what does tracing mean. We also need more testing sites. The Borough President's Newsletter has City and State testing site information. Harlem Hospital and 13 or 14 Health and Hospitals have testing sites in addition and anyone can go and well as Ryan health center and Sydenham. Mayor giving out masks all gone early. Had a contract tracing discussion with Public Advocate. Town hall on YouTube on May 12 regarding Public Health and Privacy in partnership with Columbia University and Congressman Nadler. Lots of jobs state job email/website and city job listing for contact tracers hope to use SYEP and artists for these jobs. Hazel Dues is working on the issue of nursing homes. Thank you to Fresh Direct for contributing services to NYCHA. The Mayor is also participating now in this initiative. Athena and myself are working on the

Uptown Arts. May 15th at 3:30 there will be a virtual town hall on the need for Social Workers in the schools.

Nina Saxon – NYC Comptrollers Office

Condolences to Karen Horry and welcome to the new Board members. The Comptroller announced his answers to the preliminary budget. Announced because of COVID-19 there are over 900,000 people unemployed. Will send the budget to the CB10 Board Office. Office is doing phone banking 2.5M on prevailing wages that they want to give back to New Yorkers 67 people in Manhattan and are trying to locate the people that this money belong to. Nina will send the link to the office to send to the board office. Resource guide available. MWBE webinar on May 14 over 500 people participate and in 10 different languages.

Myna Whyte Assemblyman Al Taylor

Assemblyman Taylor has made recommendation for testing sites above 140th street. Office making wellness calls. There are hotlines available for Domestic Violence through the City and State.

Isiah Jenkins – Mayors Office

Mask coverings free mask giveaways at park locations. NYC.gov/facecoverings for locations working on revamping the food program. RFI has been issued for CBO that have capacity to help with the food delivery.

Cordell Cleare District Leader

Remind everyone regarding the election June 23 presidential primary. It is happening. We do have an election on June 23 everyone is entitled to get an absentee ballot. If you do not receive one in the mail you can request one.

Nicole Yearwood Census 2020

Importance of the Census CB10 47.95% of CB10 have responded thus far. Update numbers on a daily basis. No field activities until June 1 because of COVID-19. Date for response has been pushed back and an ask to Congress is to push it further back to October 31. MY2020.gov or call 844-330-2020 for information.

District Attorneys Office Jacques Brumil

How to reach office for DV hotline is operational as well as counselors, Urge people to call 911 immediate emergency. Fraud complaints reach out about concerns. WhatsApp for unauthorized construction or dangerous conditions as well as call 311.

Philip Ellison Public Advocate Office

Health disparities brought attention. Contact tracing co-sponsored a town hall on contact tracing with Gale Brewer to explain what it means. Data management who will manage it when will it end don't want the data abused. Sent a letter to the Dept of Justice to investigate leaders about mis-handling this health crisis. Policing in our communities regarding social distancing how we are policed and who should be policing.

Voza Rivers Presentation Harlem Arts Alliance

There are 350 members of the Harlem Arts Alliance. Wants to focus a spotlight on smaller organizations and independent artists. Partnering with MBPO, CB10, CB09, CB12 want to create a united front from 96th street to Marble Hill. Want the elected officials and funders to understand the importance of these artists. Want to demystify what is available to individual artists if they don't have the resources or desire to thing they can have access when the attention is given to larger organizations. Would like Columbia University as well as City College to be a part of this initiative.

Senator Brian Benjamin

Impact of COVID-19 on Harlem and how we will deal Health Disparities. Police activity around social distancing it is a concern watching the dispirit and uneven display of policing between uptown and downtown. Calling on all legislators to go to the mayor the NYPD should not be enforcing social distancing and will be more of a concern the warmer it gets. Community Based groups should be a part this process in a way that is respectful of our community. SYEP we cannot not have employment for our summer youth our community needs that income to pay bills and get life skills. It is ridiculous to think of cutting this program.

Chair Report Cicely Harris

Board office is still operating although not physically in the office. Shatic and Juanita are available from 9-5 for any questions you might have. Thanks to committees for continuing to have their meeting at the same date and time. Karen Horry my condolences for the loss of your sister. Thank you to board members who left us this season thank you for your service. Thanks to the front line workers. Small businesses and SYEP are at the forefront of these conversations. I want to thank Charles and Lisa on a great Housing meeting this past month. Arts and culture George thanks for all you are doing. Education, Health and Parks committees thank you so much.

District Manager Report – Shatic Mitchell

Our Community Board CB10 made the cover of the Daily News Newspaper this morning not in a good way. Twenty bodies that were wrapped in black plastic bags that were carried of the Greater Harlem Nursing Home located on West 138 Street. We have had issues with this facility in the past and they have only reported 5 deaths. This is the same facility that is currently being sued for letting a body decay for five days in a storage closet in December. This raises questions about the data we are receiving about COVID-19 deaths. The state has granted immunity from all civil suits filed during this period to these facilities during this time. The number to report problems is 823-249-8499.

Uptick in COVID-19 people in our community who are older adults and those adults are staying home. This means the younger needs to be more vigilant about safety. Mayors Task Force on Racial Inclusion and Equity, the first task force will be led by first lady Chirlane McCray and Deputy Mayor for Strategic Policy Phil Thompson. There will be separate task forces focused on reopening each industry. Preliminary report due June 1.

Committee Reports

Arts and Culture – George Harrell Reporting

Working on a new PSA with Anthony Hamilton with Harlem Arts Alliance

Education Youth and Libraries – Deborah Yates

Letter of Support for Summer Youth Employment Program. Anyone still in need of Technology you can dial 311 to ask for an iPad the Mayor decided if you don't attend a district school and have a special needs they can also qualify for an iPad

Health and Human Services Hazel Dukes

Proud of the committee for the great job they have been doing. Dr. Smith and Karen Dixon for putting together the letter concerning the Harlem Center of Nursing and Rehab Home that is on the agenda tonight. We must complete the Census.

Transportation and Historic Preservation – Cicely Harris

Citibike update. Two controversial sites in Harlem one at Dorance Brooks Historic Area at 138 street by St. Nicholas Park is no longer under consideration. They moved the station across the street at the park. They are insisting that we have 24 Citi bike stations above 135. The second site is at 136 and FDB on the uptown side of the street. Proposing a site that will take up 5 parking spaces. We are voicing that we are against this. Plan to start the installation of these sites will start in early May finishing in early June.

Housing – Charles Powell

Thanks to all for being on the Housing and joint Land Use call. Still putting together the minutes from that meeting. We want to know if there are there any initiatives from any of our elected officials regarding rent relief. There is a great deal of fear around what will happen when the Governors stop on evictions is ended.

Land Use – Lisa Downing

Great joining meeting with Housing. Reaching out to elected officials for support around home owners facing foreclosure and also small landlords.

Parks and Recreation – Karen Horry

Thanks to everyone Madam Chair and Gale Brewer for you kind condolences. Four in kind capital projects asking for resolution on two of those projects. Developing a sub-committee around an exhibit around the Exonerated 5 and also ongoing discussions. Rescheduled the meeting to Monday May 26.

Presentation of Voting Items – Voting taken by Common Consent

Education, Youth and Libraries Committee - Deborah Yates

Letter of Support - Summer Youth Employment Program

Yes No Abstain

Health and Human Services – Hazel Dukes

Letter of Support - Harlem Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation

Yes No Abstain

Resolution for NYC Parks Central Park Conservancy Garden and Dairy Access Path Project

Yes No Abstain

All passed by common consent

Announcements

Deborah Cochoran – DST NY Alumnae Chapter - can we join the Health Committee to work with sharing some concerns.

Marcus Wilson – Goodwill still taking donations. Email at donations.department@goodwillnynj.org

Complete meeting can be viewed on Zoom, Facebook and on YouTube

Adjourn 8:53pm