



# CITY OF NEW YORK

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10  
215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor  
New York, NY 10027  
T: 212-749-3105 F: 212-662-4215

CICELY HARRIS  
Chairperson

SHATIC MITCHELL  
District Manager

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

### Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 - 6:00 PM

Hon. Chair - Cicely Harris, Presiding

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm by Chair, Cicely Harris

#### **B. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(1) Elected Officials (3-4 minutes)*

- (a) City Councilwoman Jordan: sent out the first newsletter yesterday. Was able to secure 32 new trash cans for the district and replaced some of the old wicker baskets along Lenox Avenue. Will be doing a vigil tomorrow evening for the village of Harlem at Marcus Garvey Park. Looking to hire 7 lead captains from the area to serve as case workers for the district to help with constituent services and is looking for a Spanish speaking person. Also, announced CB10 applications are out.
- (b) Assemblyman Al Taylor: Wished everyone a happy Black History month, paid tribute to the officers murdered last week, may have good news to report regarding the budget, caucus members did a press conference on items he wishes to push out that are near and dear to Black people. He is doing a podcast w/ Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg on 2/7 7-8pm. Tremaine Wright on 2/15- 7-8pm about legalizing cannabis. Will be giving out PPE and Nina will update everyone on when those dates will be. Talked about redistricting and referenced he will be seeing more of Washington Heights and Inwood.
- (c) Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg: introduced himself, he attended the funerals of the officers, talked about gun violence that occurred this week in Harlem. Introduced staff: Estelle, Linda, Richie Fife, Jacques Brunvil etc. Talked more about gun violence, he appointed a Peter Pope to handle gun violence prosecutions and investigate the flow of guns to connect the source of guns. 125<sup>th</sup> street corridor is targeted for commercial robbery where theft of bulk items are happening and its saturated with people suffering with substance use disorders. Recommends flooding the area with social services to get people their service and if not, hold them accountable. Formed a small business council. Will be focusing on the uptick of domestic violence and intimate partner violence.

-He took questions from the public and board members regarding his first day memo- balancing accountability with racial equity, reform and addressing the root causes of crime. He wants to focus on crime prevention, providing resources, and responding in a holistic approach.

-Plans for homelessness? Refer back to “flood the zone” where he will meet w/ Mayor to work on a strategy to connect people with the services they need  
Jacques Brunvil- launched 2 initiatives: gun violence prevention fellowship and high school internships

- (d) Nina Norwood- deputy district director for Cong. Espaillat: he will have his 2022 state of district address tomorrow 2/3 at 7pm on facebook. They are starting another testing site at Esplanade Gardens, 2/5 10-3pm- Rapid and PCR testing and vaccines for 18yo +.
- (e) Angelica Perez, Mayors Officer: Community Affairs Unit- mayor is meeting with all 5 DAs to respond to crime, will be meeting with Biden in regards to making NY safer. New Commissioner for the Department of Social Services.
- (f) Stacy- Assemblywoman Inez Dickens: she is deeply concerned about the level of politicizing of deaths and wants people to mourn and come together regardless of placing blame. Talked about bill that caps the number of treatment providers from saturating Harlem. Another bill will establish a conviction integrity unit in every DA’s office in NY. Currently, a person has to pay a PI but this bill would also allow a person to petition the state to investigate the case. Third, a bill that mandates language equality for deaf children. Inez is pushing another bill to create a diverse parole board. Last bill she is proposing will reduce the rent increase for major capital improvements.

(2) Public/ Community (2 minutes)

- (a) Stephanie McGraw from WARM- thanked the community for coming out to the vigil for the police officers. Talked about gun violence and domestic violence as interrelated. Reclaim your power retreat this Saturday 2/6. Calls for collaboration and for everyone to work together.
- (b) Bruce Lincoln: Harlem Lacrosse- flagship school is Frederick Douglass Academy; they reinstate 12 programs and serves 400 young people with 100% graduation and college placement rate and raised millions in scholarship funds. Wants to clean up a field and dedicate it to the sport/community. Bruce is working w/ young on the move, Harlem jr. tennis and other non-profits to make sure the field is turned into a community field space to be used and all the kids can benefit from.
- (c) Luis Bailey: WE ACT 2/8 starting political engagement series, to make sure community members can learn how to get on the ballot. 2/10 6pm discussing extreme weather events to make sure every CB is prepared. 2/12 monthly membership meeting and will discuss going electric to swap gas w/ electric stoves.
- (d) Darlene Lewis: Hands that make a difference, been around for 10 years. Service low income youth 5-24 and anti-violence and job readiness. Now is the time to reach out more to let leadership know they need help with reaching out to young people and providing services. Send children to them- they have 2 locations. They also need funding.
- (e) Genisha Metcalf: works at meta formerly facebook, she announced 100k in scholarships available for tech. If you do 100hr certification through elevate blue program, they can accept the certificate in lieu of a degree. Software engineers, data

analytics etc.

- (f) Iesha Sekou: yesterday 3 people were shot- 2 on east side and one on 125<sup>th</sup> (2 died). Both shootings happened in broad daylight. The shootings are spontaneous and hard to prevent. But the ones they can prevent, they interrupt it via Street Corner Resources. Met w/ Lt. Gov. and Gov. Hochul regarding gun prevention and how people can help. They just opened a new space to help youth at high risk for gun violence- “the peace plex” where youth can learn new skills. Invited community to share their skills with youth at the plex. She is also Hiring w/ 7 positions open.
- (g) Sen. Cordell Cleare: she is currently in a budget meeting in Albany. Her office participated in several PPE giveaways throughout the district. This weekend they are doing another distribution on 146<sup>th</sup> and St. Nick. She announced her committee assignments. Eviction moratorium expired on 1/15 put portal for rental assistance was reopened. Is fighting for governor Hochul to extend the moratorium. Does not want bail reform rolled back because it is being misrepresented. She clarified the purpose of bail reform. Voted on the ghost gun bill. Addressed gun violence and flow of guns into NY. Gave condolences to Officers Rivera and Morra. Introduced legislation in response to the Bronx Fire – require that space heaters that are distributed or sold in NYS have thermostats, automatic shut offs and a certified/OSHA regulated. So if people use them, any dangers of overheating or fires can be avoided. Sponsored legislation for people who are in arrears because of COVID to not have that debt put on their credit reports.
- (h) Mark Levine- Manhattan Borough President: talked about the work Iesha does, wants to combat violence, hopes that Biden meaningfully addresses that issue. Talked about the snowfall and how hard it was for seniors to get around- ramps into street, cross walks, corners- not shoveled, cleared or salted. Requested DOS to take the lead on that because now it’s up to the building owners. COVID Rates are decreasing and has PPE supplies to distribute and is hoping to get more testing kits. Announced deadlines for city capital money out of the MBP office for non-profits 2/24 and they can assist w/ application but they want proposals for how to spend that money. Also, CB application are open and due by 3/1/22.

**b) PUBLIC SESSION**

- (1) 1st Roll Call - Board Secretary
- (2) Minutes Adoption (January 2022) [Click here to view committee minutes- To be provided next week](#)
- (3) Agenda Adoption (February 2022) - Board Secretary- moved and approved unanimously
- (4) Chairperson's Report - Cicely Harris- thanks the CB members to changing the EBM to accommodate the vigil for officers Rivera and Morra. Celebrate Black history and to maintain those sentiments shared and to make sure the community continued to love, care and support each other. Is in conversation with the uptown boards to continue work together as the pandemic continues and will include downtown boards as well.
- (5) District Manager’s Report - Shatic Mitchell: Encouraged everyone to go to the CB10 website where agendas are posted and the meeting link as well. Reiterated the loss of the officers from our local 32 precinct. Updated on the shooting that happened on 125<sup>th</sup> which

is the 119<sup>th</sup> murder this year. The person that was killed was 23yo and suspect remains at large. Mayor released his gun and violence plan which includes more police on the ground focusing on the 30 precincts where 80% of shootings occur- 2 of which are in our district. Submitted a resolution to disapprove the proposal of One45 to the Manhattan BP's office. There were issues with affordability, lack of community engagement, gentrification and displacement. Will be addressing parking issues and will work with DOT on 2/18 to have a meeting about it. Issues to discuss are illegal parking by NYPD, Abandon vehicles, cleaning streets, blocking hydrants and bus stops and illegal food vending trucks. Zip codes 10025, 10026, 10027 and 10030 rate of transmissions are high between 250-321 new cases per 100k people in the last 7 days. The office is still giving out COVID test kits.

(6) Committee Reports/ Announcements (1-2 minutes)

- (a) Economic Development: Marquis Harrison: supporting business that were lost at Lenox Terrace when the fire hit back in 2020 and held a meeting with those owners and discussed it in committee. A number of liquor license applications were presented- they are voting items tonight.
- (b) Transportation and Landmarks: Keith Taylor: the committee is presenting 2 resolutions which are voting items below. Preventing the demolition of the Women's Pavilion at Harlem Hospital and to prevent the disadvantage of Harlem due to congestion pricing. Board member Clennon informed us that the current pavilion is not equipped to handle the new lab and it is already marked for demolition. Chair Taylor reiterated that many historical sites have been upgraded/included in advancements as opposed to be being demolished. Community member Marie Littlejohn raised the issue of the awning being replaced by a new awning that removed the name of Dr. MLK's name from it. Donna Gill says it is a department of health project not Harlem Hospital's doing. Barbra Askins speaks about the congestion pricing will have on Harlem- pay attention to the statistics- it will impact new business opportunities and economic flow to Harlem.
- (c) Arts & Culture- Wilma Brown Phillips- VC: hosting a drawing for 2 tickets for the maxwell of the night tour at the next meeting.
- (d) Housing: Chair Powell: reminder to elected officials to be attentive to housing issues that require renovations and preservations at Esplanade Gardens.
- (e) Health and Human Services: None
- (f) Parks and Recreation: Karen Horry, Chair, assessment of sinkhole in William McCray playground is done and it will be repaired. Meeting w/ parks and engineers will be held to get community feedback and that will be open for a few weeks. Boilers at Fred Samuels Playground have been repaired. Comfort station at Langston Hughes Park have been repaired.
- (g) Public Safety: Charles Johnson, Chair, Pastor Ramos held down \the vigils and they will be taking suggestions to have more productive Public safety meetings. They are scheduled to meet w/ Bragg next week. They will make sure officers from local precincts attend the GBM to provide updates.
- (h) Education: Stephanie Palmer: This morning she was at PS 75 and other board members, Nicole Hannah Jones, met with children to share work. CB10 was acknowledged for their support.
- (i) Senior Task Force: Deborah Gilliard: centers are opened for lunch, test kits and looking forward to normal activity to return soon.

(7) Presentation of Voting Items

(a) Economic Development Youth & Technologies

• SLA Application

- **Lambda Lounge** is a (RENEWAL) SLA Applicant, received on 12/20/2021 This business is located at [2256 Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd New York, NY 10027](#) Cross Streets: *(On Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. between 132nd and 133rd Streets)* [Click here to view supporting documents](#) **311 Complaints (2)**
- **Sylvia's Restaurant** is a (RENEWAL) SLA Applicant, received on 12/30/2021 This business is located at [328-30 Lenox Ave New York, NY 10027](#) Cross Streets: *(On Lenox Ave Between 126th Street and 127th Streets)* [Click here to view supporting documents](#) **311 Complaints - None (0)**
- **Sylvia's Also** is a (RENEWAL) SLA Applicant, received on 12/30/2021 This business is located at [318-332 Lenox Ave New York, NY 10027](#) Cross Streets: *(On Lenox Ave Between 126th Street and 127th Streets)* [Click here to view supporting documents](#) **311 Complaints - None (0)**
- **Tropical Cove Bar** is a (NEW) SLA Applicant, received on 11/09/2021. This business is located at [2280 Frederick Douglass Boulevard New York, NY 10027](#) Cross Streets: *(On Frederick Douglass Boulevard Between 122nd Street and 123rd Streets)* [Click here to view supporting documents](#) **311 Complaints - None (0)**

(b) Transportation Landmarks & Historic Preservation

- Resolution to not disadvantage Central Harlem residents by Congestion Pricing
- Resolution to recommend not to demolish the Women's Pavilion at Harlem Hospital Center

c) **BUSINESS SESSION**

- (1) 2nd Roll Call
- (2) Voting Items

d) Economic Development Youth & Technologies

(1) SLA Applicants

- (a) Lambda Lounge: PASS by common consent
- (b) Sylvia's Restaurant: PASS by common consent
- (c) Sylvia's Also: PASS by common consent
- (d) Tropical Cove Bar: PASS by common consent

e) Transportation Landmarks & Historic Preservation

- (1) Resolution to not disadvantage Central Harlem residents by Congestion Pricing:

PASS by common consent

- (2) Resolution to recommend not to demolish the Women's Pavilion at Harlem Hospital Center: PASS by common consent

f) **OLD BUSINESS**

- Karen Horry: she recommended that an impact study be done on how the non-citizenship voting rights will impact the black vote. Karen will take the lead on that draft.
- Dr. Duke's thanked Shatic and everyone for the 50 over 50 lifetime award.
- Shatic reported that the MBP has until 2/23 to respond to the ULURP for One45.

g) **NEW BUSINESS**

h) **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Crystal McKay- is retiring from the public library after 27 years! The library is looking for artists to exhibit their work and she asked that we send people her way.
- Terri Wisdom: Highlighted a film, put together by Jeffrey Robinson and the daughters of William Conselor. It will come to the Magic Johnson theater on 2/5.

i) **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.