



CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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Hon. Marquis A. Harrison
Chairperson

Shatic Mitchell
District Manager

General Board
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 4, 2023 - 6:00 PM
Hon. Chair - Marquis A. Harrison, Presiding

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:04pm

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Elected Officials (2 minutes)

- Assemblyman Taylor by representative
- Manhattan Borough President
- City council woman Kristen Richardson Jordan by representative
- Assemblywoman Inez Dickens by representative
- State Senator Cordell Cleare by representative
- Attorney General Letitia James by representative
- Congressman Espaillat by representative
- Manhattan District Attorney's Office by representative

B. Public/ Community (2 minutes)

- 28th Precinct: PO Gregory Green and PO Melissa De La Cruz
- WE ACT by Louis Bailey
- Nia Bediako- 121st Street between Malcolm X and ACP Blvd Block Association question president regarding (3) 5g towers pending installation in Harlem. Dr. Cheryl Smith responded that Link NYC will be coming to the economic development meeting in February to address these concerns.
- Antonica James from Housing Works-CONNECT: announced new mental health program providing therapy for East Harlem Residence
- Gregory Baggett- announced there will be state and city legislation around community Land Trust as well as the formation of The Central Harlem Community Land Trust and the historic Harlem Community Land Trust.
- Erika Ewing: January is sex trafficking awareness month

III. PRESENTATIONS

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

- 1st Roll Call - Hon. Tahanie Aboushi, Secretary conducted by Assistant Secretary Delsenia Glover 7:22pm
- Minutes Adoption (December 2022) by Second Vice Chair, Charles Johnson- passed
- Agenda Adoption (January 2023) by Secretary, Tahanie Aboushi - passed
- Chair's Report (10 minutes) - Hon. Marquis Harrison
 - Introduction and thank you
 - Reiterated our commitment to the community
 - For now, committees will be changed- neither chairs nor members
 - Come June, there will be a more inclusive process to becoming chair
 - Dr. Cheryl Smith will be the chair of Economic Development Technology and Communications since Marquis is not the Chairman of the board.

- He will also find Vice Chairs and Secretary for each committee to share the responsibility and ensure full participation and engagement
- Wants to create a strategic plan for board aside from the district needs statement to ensure full support and access to resources
- The CB10 By Laws are due for review and Stephanie Palmer, the parliamentarian will lead the process to revise the By Laws. There will be many meetings to get this done in time. All members are welcome to participate.
- During business session, he will ask a special action be taken, that the personnel committee to move to allow us to conduct that election in the month of February, and not this January, because we just had our elections, and because some of the election committee that I would like to make sure some of them sit on the personnel Committee
- Recognized all staff: Miguel, Jasmin, Juanita and Shatic

E. District Manager's Report (5 minutes) - Shatic Mitchell

- Reminded Committee Chairs to get their full minutes in
- Has created an excused absence form so we can keep track of absences and have notice in advance of the day of meetings
- Working close with the inner agencies on the 125th corridor to make it a safe commercial space. The Crimes along this corridor have increased particularly drug related offenses and increase in homeless population.
- Office of cannabis management- announced the opening of a cannabis dispensary, the 125th bid was opposed to this dispensary opening on 125th street
- Discussed the Exonerated Five Gate of the Exonerated unveiling
- The Car share program will reserve twelve spots in Harlem for the car share program and DOT came to the transportation committee meeting and presented the program, the presentation is available for anyone's viewings.
- ONE45 truck stop, the Board and Community already had a resolution against the truck depot on 145th due to the grave health issues.
- The Historic District Council, Save Harlem Now and DOB came to the meeting to discuss the demolition of 186 Malcom X blvd. Last week there was a meeting at City with DOB, Landmarks preservation commission and the community to discuss preventative measures like public notice.
- City's Office of Technology and Innovations, plans to install (5) G towers in and around our district in an effort to introduce high-speed Internet services around the city, I've received several phone calls from community members expressing concerns about these towers since that time we've invited the Office of Technology and Information to make a presentation at our Economic Development and Technology Committee and they will do so at the February meeting.
- Reported back on space heaters and ION batteries for motorized bikes and the fire and hazard it has caused in Harlem and NYC generally.

V. F. Committee Reports/ Announcements

A. Presentation of Voting Items

1. Economic Development Communications and Technology Committee

a) SLA Application

- (1) Caribbean Flower Corp. (NEW) received on 10/18/2022. Type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at 2531 Frederick Douglass Blvd. New York, NY 10030. Cross Street: (between West 135th and West 136th Street) 311 Complaints - (0)

2. Parks and Recreation

- The Gate of the Exonerated started in 2019 and congratulated all on it coming to fruition.
- Discussing conversion of the pool at Jackie Robinson Park during the winter months as a skating rink. The chair had discussions with the Chief of Recreations and Director of Marketing and Finance for NYC Parks.
- Harlem River Park programming wants to make sure that park is made safer through programming and will collaborate with CB11 because they overlap and the NYC waterfront.
- 10 Year master plan has almost all of our parks updates repaired and programming is ongoing. In dialogue with NYC Parks to support the development of the plan.

3. Housing Committee:

- The committee reported on the preservation NYCHA forum to be held on 1/23/23 to be strictly informational and not taking any position on the preservation trust.
- Acknowledged the passing of Carl Ready and Samuel Brown the founder and creator of Our Children's Fund Foundation.

4. Health Committee

- They have continued to see high COVID in Manhattan and Harlem but there has been a decrease in RSV and the FLU so wear a mask, sanitize and take all precautions.

5. Arts and Culture:

- Gaidi, Finnie from San Diego African American Museum of Fine Arts will be attending the committee meeting to give a presentation and Mike Green, founder, Shades of Truth Theatre/ "39 Steps to Freedom"

6. Land Use

- Presentation by group that is working on Mart 125. They are in early stages of pulling together the plan and came to the committee for input and ideas. The urging of the group to look at the group holistically when planning. The RFP is still pending. The group wanted to make a presentation only and the EDC is still working on the feasibility of this plan.

7. Education Youth & Libraries

a) Letter of Support

- (1) Youth Construct

b) Resolution

- (1) Semiconductor Legislation

VI. BUSINESS SESSION

A. 2nd Roll Call 8:12pm

1. Voting Items

a) **Economic Development**

(1) SLA Application - Caribbean Flower Corp. (NEW) supported in committee and EC, *motion passed by common consent 37 yes 0 No*

b) **Education Youth & Libraries**

(1) Letter of Support - Youth Construct supported in committee and EC, *motion passed by common consent 37 yes 0 No*

(2) Resolution - Semiconductor Legislation: supported in committee and EC, *motion passed by common consent 37 yes 0 No*

c) Newly Added voting item:

- By Laws state that after elections, we must provide or have an election for seats in the personnel committee. The Chair is seeking to adjourn the personnel committee election to February general board meeting as opposed to January. Motion to adjourn the election was moved, properly seconded. There was no discussion with the committee so it was a surprise to the committee. Chair said he didn't need to discuss due to the requirement in the by-law and there was no time to have discussion since the election was delayed. Apologized for no prior notice. *Motion made, voice vote at 33 Yes 0 No, motion passes.*

VII. OLD BUSINESS (5 minutes) none

VIII. NEW BUSINESS (5 minutes) none

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes) none

X. ADJOURNMENT 8:44pm