



CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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General Board Meeting MINUTES

Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 - 6:00 PM

Hon. Marquis A. Harrison, Chairperson

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Chairperson

Shatic Mitchell
District Manager

I. CALL TO ORDER 6:04pm

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Elected Officials (2 minutes)

1. Congressman Espaillat by representative
2. Assemblywoman Inez Dickens by representative
3. Assemblyman Al Taylor by representative
4. Public Advocates Office by representative
5. Manhattan Borough President, Mark Levine

B. Public/ Community (2 minutes)

III. PRESENTATIONS

IV. PUBLIC SESSION

A. 1st Roll Call - Hon. Tahanie Aboushi, Secretary 6:26pm

B. Minutes Adoption (January 2023) *motion passed*

C. Agenda Adoption (February 2023) *motion passed*

D. Chair's Report (10 minutes) - Hon. Marquis Harrison

- *Wished the community Black History Month*
- *Had a moment of silence for the murder of Tyre Nichols by Memphis PD and raised the issue of police brutality against communities of color. There have been complaints of police hostility/abuse to the Harlem community and wants the community board to be mindful of how to better that relationship.*
- *Commended housing committee on education forum on the NYCHA land trust*
- *Joint work of Public Health committee, Health and Land Use committee regarding the cannabis dispensary coming to 125th.*
- *Attended the state of the borough address by the Manhattan Borough President's office which also addressed on housing, as well as the 145 Street truck stop.*
- *Created a strategic task force Has asked Delsenia Glover and Dr. Maurice Franklin to co-chair the strategic task force for the board.*
- *Would like to have a round table conversation with new board members and he will plan that meeting along with Tiffany Bowen, new board member.*
- *Cicely Harris now Chair of the public safety committee and Pastor Ramos is the Vice Chair*

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

- *Attended Mayor's state of the City Address. It was built on 4 pillars: Jobs, Safety, housing and Care.*
- *Regarding 145 Truck Depot, AG James sent a letter to the developer stating her concern for the truck stop, it's a public nuisance and subject to government abatement and that they may be in violation of local laws against idling and she demanded documentation: hours of operation, capacity of the depot and vehicles authorized, services offered, terms of use of the depot, level of use thus far and use, rules and requirements about engine idling and compliance with NYS idling restrictions at the depot. The developers have 10 days to respond to her letter.*
- *125th street bid inter-agency meeting: new NYPD chief of patrol attended, CO of 28th precinct provided an update: there will be 30 officers from the 28 precinct*

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- that will patrol 125th street corridor between 8am-10pm. Petit larcenies are up on 125th but overall crime is down by 35%. There will be a focus on quality-of-life crimes per the mayor's focus. There will be efforts to bring more lighting to the 125st. corridor and the NYPD is willing to put up light towers until lights are properly installed. There are currently 29 vacant store fronts, an all-time high.*
- *DOT: will be installing neighborhood loading zones for delivery trucks to access the curb when they are doing deliveries so as to not obstruct traffic and these installations will happen around March and 6 will be in our district.*

F. Committee Reports/ Announcements

1. **Public Safety:** *Reiterated the importance of the Cannabis Survey*
2. **Senior Task Force:** *requested more board presence during the meeting and is working on collaboration for adults.*
3. **Housing:** *last month, there was a tremendous job done by the members Delsenia Glover, Brianna McClure and Donna Gill NYCHA Preservation Trust forum that was well attended.*
4. **Education:** *Acknowledge Charles Johnson who connected the education committee to the Presenter Cultivated Community Foundation about the change in cannabis laws, rules, and history of it. Chair Harrison invited his students to attend and it was well received. Is seeking to organize an additional forum.*
 - *2 dozen principals from District 5 came to the meeting to talk about the needs for their schools from water fountains, laundry facilities, decrepit playgrounds. The committee could support them with filling out applications for capital funding from the MBP's office.*
 - *Juvenile Justice Reform has been identified as a critical need in our district needs statement*

G. Presentation of Voting Items

1. **Election Committee Personnel Committee Nominations & Report.** *Member Shawn Brannon reviewed the process sent via a memo by the committee a few weeks ago. Nominations: self- **Lydell Tyson:** nomination accepted, **Daniel Paterson** by board member Delsenia Glover; nomination accepted, nominations by Marquis Harrison: Cicely Harris- declined, **Dr. Cheryl Smith-** nomination accepted, **Derek Perkinson-** nomination accepted, **Stanley Gleaton-** nomination accepted. Nominee Lydell Tyson had previously submitted a letter to read during the meeting, a discussion was held regarding the permissibility of that and a vote was taken to permit each candidate to make a 1- minute statement to ensure fairness in process. Each Candidate did give a 1-minute speech in support of their candidacy.*
2. **By-Laws Task Force Report:** *the Bylaws Require review every year after an election, that was year 2023 and this task force was established to review them. A request was made to the board that if there was any area that they had identified in our bylaws, it did not seem aligned with our operating practices. They have been meeting every Friday at 3pm and identified 9 (removal or reprimand of board members, election process, establishing a task force and relating issues, meeting attendance- a form was created to ensure absences are properly excused and recorded and identify a process by which attendance is accounted, open meeting laws, standing committees, roles of committee chairs, meeting decorum, voice voting and block voting) areas that may not align with the operating practice and are subject to review and they are beginning to draft language for the bylaws and by April are hoping to have an updated document for the board to vote on.*

3. Economic Development Communications and Technology Committee

a) SLA Application

- (1) **Londels Inc./ Londel's Supper Club (30 Day-Waiver, Renewal)** received on 11/14/2022. type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at [2620 Frederick Douglass Blvd.](#) New York, NY 10030 Cross Street: *(between 139th Street and 140th Street)* 311 **Complaints (7)** Loud Music/Party *Unanimously approved in committee and EC.*
- (2) **Blvd Bistro 116th Street LLC (RENEWAL)** received on 11/7/2022. type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at [300 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10026.](#) Cross Street: *(between Frederick Douglass Blvd. and Manhattan Avenue)* 311 **Complaints (167)** Loud Music/Party. *Complaints stemmed from time of the pandemic where outdoor dining was necessary to stay open. Unanimously approved in committee and by majority in EC with one absention.*
- (3) **Harlem Burger Inc. (RENEWAL)** received on 12/1/2022. type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at [187 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10026](#) Cross Street: *(between 119th and 120th Street)* 311 **Complaints (2)** Sidewalk Zone Blocked. *Unanimously approved in committee and EC.*
- (4) **Slutty Vegan, Inc. (NEW)** received on 12/14/2022. type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at [300 West 135th Street New York, NY 10026](#) Cross Street: *(between St. Nicholas Ave. and Frederick Douglass Blvd)* 311 **Complaints (0)** *Unanimously approved in committee and EC.*
- (5) **Mekruth Inc./ Amy Ruths Restaurant (RENEWAL)** received on 12/22/2022. type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at [113 West 116th Street, New York, NY 10026](#) Cross Street: *(between Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. and Lenox Avenue)* 311 **Complaints (1)** Loud Music/Party *Approved by majority with one recusal.*
- (6) **SKDL Corp./ Lido (RENEWAL)** received on 12/23/2022. type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. This business is located at [2162-68 West Frederick Douglass Blvd Street, New York, NY 10026](#) Cross Street: *(between 116th and 117th Street)* 311 **Complaints (23)** Site Setup Condition/Street Zone Blocked/Social Distancing/Barrier Condition/ADA Ramp Missing/Sidewalk Cafe/Face Covering Violation. *Unanimously approved in committee and EC.*

4. Transportation Landmarks and Historic Preservation

- **RESOLUTION:** To Support Opposition to the Destruction of Landmarked Buildings and Structures in Manhattan Community Board 10 *focuses on 4 requests from CB10 to Landmarks (1) the DOB open violations, and enforcement actions be*

included on the LPC maps and other Agency, warning letters, or other agency communications regarding conditions of buildings to provide better public notice of potential demolitions, of historic buildings to allow community members and elected officials and advocacy organizations enough time to respond to and help to save landmark buildings, (2) it asks that the LPC create a program similar to the department of Housing Preservations, an administrative program to allow administrators appointed by the Court to operate privately owned landmark buildings that are in serious disrepair, possibly vacant, which are dangerous to the tenants or neighbors, lives health and safety to include financial assistance to repair replace major systems or make other repairs which the owner cannot or will not make; (3) that LPC update its current technical assistance programs and funding criteria to establish a new fund to help economically challenge owners to repair and restore their landmark properties in return for rent stabilization on rental units or capping resell value to a lean on the property; (4) LPC Provide historic district residents updated lists of contractors who have received permits to work on landmark buildings as well as provide increase and more transparent oversight. Also to create a special fund to support historic neighborhood, economic, inclusiveness with a specific goal and outcome of total property restaurant as well as technical capacity and financial assistance to historic landmark building owners in low-income communities with significant economic challenges. It was unanimously passed in the EC meeting.

- a) Car Share Letter: *the car share program was not run by the community board nor did the community have any input as to where the parking spots would be and what impact it would have on the community. It was unanimously passed in the EC meeting.*

5. Parks & Recreation Committee

- a) Letter of Support To Install A Dog Run In Jackie Robinson Park at 155th Street and Bradhurst *extensively supported by the community, city council woman, the Jackie Robinson Park Conservancy and voted on unanimously by committee*
 - *Had chair of parks and open spaces from CB11 to discuss Harlem River Park*
 - *Next month, there will be a presentation to update the status of the esplanade*
 - *The committee is also are getting a lot of momentum for its proposal to have the Jackie Robinson Pool congratulate pool and ice-skating rink for the winter*

V. BUSINESS SESSION

A. 2nd Roll Call 8:00pm

1. Voting Items

a) Election Committee

(1) Personnel Committee Nominations & Report

b) Economic Development

(1) Londels Inc/Londel's Supper Club (Renewal**) Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No**

- (2) Harlem Burger, Inc (**Renewal**) *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*
- (3) Slutty Vegan, Inc, (**NEW**) *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*
- (4) Mekruth, Inc/Amy Ruths Restaurant (**RENEWAL**) *Passed by Common consent with one recusal 37 Yes 0 No 1 Recusal*
- (5) SKDL, Corp./Lido (**RENEWAL**) *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*
- (6) Blvd Bistro 116th Street LLC (**RENEWAL**) *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*

c) Transportation Landmarks and Historic Preservation

- (1) **RESOLUTION:** To Support Opposition to the Destruction of Landmarked Buildings and Structures in Manhattan Community Board 10 *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*

- (2) Car Share Letter *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*

d) Parks & Recreation Committee

- (1) To Install a Dog Run In Jackie Robinson Park *Passed by Common consent 37 Yes 0 No*

e) Election Committee Results

- 1. Stanely Gleaton received 26 votes
- 2. Dr. Cheryl Smith received 26 votes
- 3. Daniel Paterson received 25 Votes
- 4. Daniel Perkinson received 24 Votes

VI. OLD BUSINESS (5 minutes) none

VII. NEW BUSINESS (5 minutes)

- Strategic Planning Task Force is looking for people who can assist in group facilitation, non-profit management and board experiences and they will send a formal letter out to CB10 so those who have those particular experiences can help with identifying priorities and properly executed them.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 minutes)

There are changes to the committee meetings this month due to the holiday and the CB10 calendar has been updated to reflect the new dates.

IX. ADJOURNMENT 8:39pm