



# CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 7th 2023, 6:00 pm  
Hon. Marquis Harrison, Chair

Hon. Marquis A. Harrison  
Chairperson

Shatic Mitchell  
District Manager

Meeting began at 6:06 pm and was held via Zoom link. The meeting was chaired by Board Chair Hon. Marquis Harrison.

**Board Members Present:** Board Chair Hon. Marquis Harrison, 1st Vice Chair Hon. Charles Powell, Hon. Karen Horry, Hon. Asena Tuione, Hon. Briana McClure, Hon. Cicely Harris, Hon. Daniel Paterson, Hon. Dr. Hazel Dukes, Hon. Darryl T. Downing, Hon. Dawn Richards, Hon. Deneane Brown Blackmon, Hon. Derek Perkinson, Hon. Donna Gill, Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin, Hon. D.S. Boyce, Hon. Jaran David Manzanet, Hon. Kamaria Milford, Hon. Karen Dixon, Hon. Dr. Keith Taylor, Hon. Kimberly McLaurin, Hon. LaShanda Myers, Hon. Lydell Tyson, Hon. Lynn Woodley, Hon. Phillip Ellison, Hon. Shawn Brannon, Hon. Stephanie Palmer, Hon. Tasha Hawkins, Hon. Tiffany Bowen, Hon. Valone Brown, Jr., Hon. Cherish Wykoff, Hon. Irene Henry, Hon. Mbake Thiam, Hon. Pastor Staci Ramos, Dr. Cheryl Smith,

**Committee Members Absent:** Hon. Nathan Quist

**Board Members Excused:** Hon. Elvin Garcia, Hon. Philip Desgranges

**District Office:** District Manager Shatic Mitchell and Miguel Walters (Community Assistant)

**Elected Officials Attendance:** Courtney Bennett (DANY Alvin Bragg), Lafayette Aziz Moore (NYS Senator Cordelle Cleare), Minah Whyte (Manhattan Boro President Mark Levine), Tiffany Brown (Mayor Eric Adams), Troy Weekes (Councilwoman Kristen Richardson Jordan)

**Community Guests in attendance:** Abena Smith, Tyisha Smalls (WEACT), Ceray, Crystal Baez, Deneane Jackson, Delsenia Glover, Dr. Tawanna Gifford, Fabianne Blake, Gregory Baggett, Javel Jones, Jo Henry, Hogan Hawkins, Julius Tajidin, Marcus Wilson, Rose Washington Williams, Ruby Walton, Tyriek Watson

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### a. Elected Officials

- i. **Aziz Moore - NYS Senator Cordelle Cleare** - Mother's Day Event & Brunch attended by King Towers Residents - Bedford Hills ..... , 2 Shredding events held and Riverton and ....., 285 Meals Served....., Senator will be walking in the 30th Annual Juneteenth Parade.
- ii. **Tiffany Brown - NYC Mayor Eric Adams** - City Hall lighted in Pride Colors in celebration of Pride month. Civic Engagements - People's Money - online voting from May 10th to June 25th - website: <https://vote.participate.nyc.gov/the-peoples-money-2023>
- iii. **Courtney Bennett - NY District Attorney Alvin Bragg** - Thanks to 28th and 32nd Precincts partnerships with 20 Gun Violence Proposals being reviewed for ten \$20,000 grants to work with young people. The Art of Healing From Gun Violence & Trauma

Festival scheduled for June 17th at an East Harlem location (TBD). Juneteenth Celebration - flyers will be provided to the Board. There will be a Gun Buy-Back at the Memorial Baptist Church on Saturday, June 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. There is currently a Community Engagement Coordinator position open.

- iv. **Troy Weekes (Councilwoman Kristen Richardson Jordan)** - Bus transportation was provided to the graveside of Civil Rights Great Malcolm X in observance of his birthday on May 19th. The office staff attended the Rat Academy. Sponsored a Zoom Town Halls for Juneteenth, Health & Wellness. Held an open discussion on Juneteenth work with Uptown and Grand Central vendors. Held an LGBTQ Youth Event. Held a clothing drive at 163 Lenox Avenue - clothing, shoes and makeup were distributed)
- v. **28th Precinct** - Felonious Assaults on the rise. 18 Incidents with 10 arrests. Shots were fired on Sunday, June 4th. Precinct is working towards mitigating gun activity before going into the summer. Burglaries at construction sites. Two well-known criminals have been remanded. Establishments with glass windows have been burglarized; windows and locks have been broken for entry. Precinct meetings are every 2nd Wednesday of the month; June 14th is the next meeting and are held at Tuoro College - 231 West 124th Street. Precinct holding a College Fair featuring HBCUs, CUNY AND SUNY - for all high school students - location Milbank Center at 118th Street from noon to 4 pm. Will send flyers for Gun Buy Back at Memorial Baptist Church 10 am to 4 pm .....
- vi. **Manhattan Borough President (MBP) Mark Levine** - Welcome to new Board Members. Board Training sessions will be made available to new Board Members. On a somber note, condolences to the families and the Community for the tragic loss of the two young boys; Garret Warren and Alpha Berrie (a Democracy Prep student).....The waterfronts are being looked at with respect to the need for increased lighting, cameras and improved fencing. The Borough President would like to partner with CB 10 in these efforts. Condolences to the family of Senator Bill Perkins whose legacy will live on. The MBP will participate in the Puerto Rican Day Parade - this Sunday and The 30th Anniversary Juneteenth Parade. The MBP congratulates CB 10 on being the first Board to host a Technology Expo featuring Artificial Intelligence (AI) The industry is rapidly developing and impacting CB10's workforce, healthcare and local elections. MBP Levine commends and thanks CB10 as the first Board to lead in this area. MBP Levine participate as a panelist. Public Health has issued an Air Quality Health Alert as the index has gone to over 400, resulting in the worst air quality reading in New York history. The smoke which has covered the New York City area has migrated from Canadian wildfires. The situation must be taken seriously. Residents are strongly advised to remain in doors and keep windows closed. If going outdoors is necessary a high quality mask such as the K95 should be worn. Governor Hochul's office will be distributing K95 mask at all subway stops, the Jacob Javitt's Center and all state park facilities on Wednesday and Thursday. Rain is expected on Friday - air quality condition will be revisited. Karen Horry, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee, advised that the Committee has been working extensively to have safety issues addressed in Harlem River Park and will ask NYC EDC to return to the June meeting to expedite their process and institute immediate remedies. Ms. Rose Washington inquired as to whether the parks should be closed during the dangerous air quality emergency. MBP Levine will take advisement under consideration.

**b. Public/Community**

- i. **Antonio Jabar- Street Corner Resources (SCR)** - The Community Engagement Team made 5 hospital responses to 53 gunshot, stabbing wounds and assault victims. Program youth participants are receiving training in production of podcasts and work behind cameras. Participants will intern at WHCR on Mondays from 8 am to 9 am. Computer, English classes, software development, computer security and Artificial Intelligence (AI) resources are being offered.
- ii. **Tyshia Smalls - WEA CT** - June 10th Membership meeting 454 West 155th Street from 10 am - 12 Noon. Climate Justice Readiness Prep - Civic Engagement Group

scheduled for June 5th from 6 pm to 7 pm. Rank Choice Voting Zoom to be held at WEACT - Workforce Development Green Job Certification. NYCHA Working - June 27th 6 pm to 8 pm to be held at 1854 Amsterdam Avenue: Empower about NYCHA evening: Extreme Heat & Flooding Preparation. Tyshia can be reached at 646-983-7073.

- iii. **Derek Perkinson - NAN** - White man dressed in all black attempted abduction of a 10 year old on Monday, June 5th at 4:30 pm on West 143rd Street. 32nd Precinct has been stonewalling. This is particularly disturbing in the aftermath of the most recent unsolved deaths of two young boysThe mother of child; Dejenae Jackson is on the meeting to provide a first-hand account. Ms. Jackson described how her child was chased and assaulted by the man who even knocked him to the ground, but managed to get away. Board Chair Harrison advised that the Board will follow-up with the NYPD and the District Attorney's Office will be asked to investigate.
- iv. **Darryl T. Downing** - A scholarship fund is available awarding \$500 grants. Calvin Ramsey \$1,000 award to graduating NYC high school students. Information will be forwarded to the Education Committee.
- v. **Julius Tajidin** - Advised Board Member Derek Perkinson to bring the child assault and attempted abduction complaint beyond precinct level - go to higher level of Commissioner. Amsterdam News and media should also be contacted. Mayor Adam's representative, Tiffany Brown is on the Zoom.
- vi. **Pastor Staci Ramos** - Will refer the matter to Chief Stevenson. Pastor Ramos made an effort to facilitate Ms. Jackson and her family's seeking remedy in filing an attempted child abduction complaint found that the 32nd precinct was dismissive and advised that the crime could only be characterized as an assault.
- vii. **Rose Washington Williams of Courtney Callendar Playground** - Shouldn't parks be closed during air quality crisis?
- viii. **Dr. Gifford** - Would like to corroborate Julius Tajidin and Board Member Derek Perkinson that false reporting made by police has to be stopped. No barbecue policy has been instituted by 28th precinct. Support of Elected Officials needed for community regarding concerns of suggestion to form a Task Force. CB 10 should have a Criminal Justice Reform Task Force. Board Chair Harrison advised that the issue will be referred to the Public Safety Committee for consideration of formation of a Task Force or Subcommittee at the June meeting.
- ix. **Aisha Sekou - Director, Street Corner Resources** - Made an Assessment tour made of Harlem River Park immediately following the mass shooting which tragically took the life of Darius Lee on June 17th, 2022. The tour was attended by Deputy Manhattan Borough President Keisha Sutton, District Manager Shatic Mitchell. Holes have remained in fence for more than a year. Repairs and improvement of safety cannot wait for outsiders or a beautification project. NYC Mayor Adams met with Aisha at Harlem River Park. NYC Parks sent repair staff. The 911 Box in the park is not connected to the location of the park. Aisha advised that upon using the phone at the site, 911 could not see the location in their listing. Entry by emergency vehicles such as ambulances is blocked by cinder blocks that are positioned from 139th through 138th Streets. During the mass shooting of 2022 ambulances lost invaluable time because of delayed access. The District Office will follow-up about 911 Box issue.
- x. **Pastor Staci Ramos** - Barbecue signs have been posted - precinct advised community that permits must be obtained. Community must be pro-active.

### III. PRESENTATIONS - None

### IV. PUBLIC SESSION

A. **1st Roll Call taken by:** Hon. Karen Horry : 37 Present 7 Absent 6 Excused

**Outcome:** The meeting has Quorum

B. **Minutes Adoption** (May 2023) Unanimous By Common Consensus

**C. Agenda Adoption (June 2023) Unanimous By Common Consensus**

**D. Chair's Report - Board Chair Marquis Harrison**

Condolences to the families of the two young boys whose lives were tragically lost. Acknowledgement of the legacy to Senator Bill Perkins as an advocate and activist. The Village of Harlem is healing due to these losses. On Saturday, June 10th there will be a celebration of Pride Month, promoting wealth and wellness, at the Dwyer Cultural Center. The Harlem Pride Festival will be held on June 24th. Events will be shared through e-blast, highlighting members of the community throughout the month of June. Some Board Members were not reappointed for a variety of reasons. The Borough President and City Council appointed new members. Thanks to former Board Members for their service. Eight members will not be returning; Wilma Brown, Verna Diggs, Lisa Downing, Delsenia Glover, Gneisha Metcalf, Milan Reed, Shamir Settle and Crystal McKay. The new Members are Philip Desgranges, Philip Ellison, Tasia Hawkins, Irene Henry, Miranda Padilla, Dawn Richards, Mbake Thiam, Lyn Woodley and Cherise Wykoff. Welcome to all of the new Board Members! New appointees are now voting Members of the Board. The Mental Health Forum was a great event and was well-attended and was very interesting. The Tech Fair & Expo at the Schomburg is scheduled for June 10th and will include several panels. The event is being sponsored by the NAACP and Harlem Chamber of Commerce. CB10 Members are encouraged to attend to greet and troubleshoot. Although Board Members are off for the summer the Executive Committee may be asked to convene should community issues arise. There is still work to be done and the Board must be visible and advocate of the community. The Board Chair, as spokesperson for the Board will keep the Board Members apprised. The Board must weigh in on the asylum seekers and education services. The Lincoln Correctional Facility has been designated for housing for asylum seekers without consulting with the Community. District 5 will be receiving 100 students. Teachers and Educators need resources. The Executive Committee will weigh in on the issue. In order for new comers to be successful in the community necessary resources and funding need to be provided. Over the summer the Board will develop an application process for Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, as well as assignments of Members to Committees according to skill sets. Please send e-mails to Marquis. Members will be notified of Board Training. Dr. Dukes expressed that there will be advocacy for new leadership. On Saturday, June 17th from 9 am to 5 pm, a "Book Giveaway" will take place at PS 154 (location: 250 West 127th Street) in collaboration with the NAACP and other organizations. Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 16th to receive the delivery of 20,000 books and organize them for distribution. The Saturday, June 17th event will feature festivities, including face painting, cotton candy and other fun activities in addition to the book giveaways. The Schomburg Literacy Fair for Juneteenth will be held on Friday, June 16th and Saturday, June 17th. CB 10 will table for the event. Board Chair Harrison is looking forward to working with all Board Members; new and seasoned.

**E. District Manager's Report - Shatic Mitchell**

Because of the severity of the wildfire smoke migrating from Canada to the New York City area some of the staff members were allowed to leave early, as the smell was coming into the office and have been remotely. All boroughs still under advisory for air quality alert. Today's Parks and Recreation Committee Soccer Tournament and Community Day Event was cancelled due to the unhealthy air quality. District Manager Mitchell attended a prayer vigil for young Alpha Barrie, aged 11 and the funeral for young Warren Garrett, aged 13. Condolences to the families and friends. Did a walkthrough of Harlem River Park and assessment. The fence along Harlem River Drive has a hole and needs to be repaired. There is also a homeless population. A waterfront park of this magnitude should not be in such a state of neglect. Burglaries are up. District Manager Mitchell has visited the two burglarized sites; The Harlem Chocolate Factory and NBHD Brulee Coffee Shop. The Lincoln Correction Facility located at 31-33 West 110th Street will open for housing for migrants. Calls from the Community have been coming into the District Office. CB10 was not advised in advance. District Manager Mitchell met with the Rat Czar appointed by the Mayor for rodent mitigation. CB10 has been designated as rat mitigation zone. Events have kept the office busy; June 7th Soccer Tournament and Community Day, June 10th Ten Talks Tech Forum, Block Party submissions, 130th Street Open Street application (referred to to the

Transportation Committee). DYCD application for summer youth interns - selectees from the Madison Boys & Girls Club. Upcoming events: CB10 Harlem Week, African American Day Parade and Harlem Holiday Lights. Mart 125 - NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) as of two weeks ago still on survey portion of the process and is accepting community input - on CB10 e-blast. No RFP or dates are available at this time. NYC EDC will advise the District Manager of any updates. Condolences to the family of Senator Bill Perkins.

**Hon. Charles Powell** - CB10 not being informed or asked to be at the table with respect to Lincoln Correction Facility or Mart 125. The Community must insist on being included in decision-making processes. CB10 has not been informed about the new \$600 Million research facility at Harlem Hospital. Health & Human Services - Harlem Public Health Lab group will be coming to the June Committee meeting.

**Hon. Karen Dixon** - "Not the Harlem Hospital Public Health Lab. It is the Department of Health."

**Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin** - Important to follow-up.

## **F. Committee Reports/Announcements**

### **Standing Committee Reports**

#### **Arts & Culture (Hon. George Harrell, Chair)**

No Report - Hon. Kimberly McLaurin, Committee Member

#### **Economic Development, Technology and Communications (Hon. Dr. Cheryl Smith, Chair)**

##### **Voting Items:**

1. **Purple Waves 662 LLC (New & Temporary Retail Permit)** - received on 4/14/2023. Type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: wine, beer & cider. This business is located at 285 West 110th Street Cross Street; (Frederick Douglass Blvd.). 311 Complaints (0) - No active kitchen - just drinks - passed unanimously in Committee and Executive Committee
2. **Melba's (Renewal)** - received on 5/1/2023 for full liquor license. Type(s) of alcohol sold or to be sold: liquor, wine, beer & cider. This business is located at 300 West 114th Street Cross Street; (between 112th and 113th Street). 311 Complaints (47) Loud Music/Party- Committee questioned numerous complaints which were during the COVID pandemic - passed unanimously in Committee and Executive Committee
3. **Vegan Hood (Amendment for Sidewalk Cafe)** - amendment for sidewalk cafe - business in oversight did not check off for side walk cafe and was directed to return to the Community Board to amend the application - passed unanimously in Committee and Executive Committee
4. **Canabis Local Tax Allocation (Resolution)** - recommendation to the City to designate funds to communities impacted by cannabis incarcerations - passed unanimously in Committee and Executive Committee

Ten Talks Tech - Saturday, June 10th from 10 am to 4 pm to be held at the Schomburg - sponsored in collaboration with the NAACP and Harlem Chamber of Commerce. The forum will consist of 4 panel discussions. Topics: Building the Future, Homeland Security, Artificial Intelligence Game Girl to Girl Boss, Infrastructure for Equity, Augmented Reality & Games - Board Members are being asked to come out to support. Community volunteers are assisting. The event will be advertised on the Schomburg marquee.

**Education Youth and Libraries (Hon. Stephanie Palmer, Chair)**

No Report - Chair was not present - Committee was chaired by Board Chair Hon. Marquis Harrison.

**Health and Human Services (Hon. Dr. Hazel Dukes, Chair)**

No Report for May - Harlem Lab will be vetted in next meeting. Health Walk with Cancer Society is upcoming.

**Housing (Hon. Charles Powell - 1st Vice Chair)**

No Report - Happy Pride Month

**Land Use (Hon. Karen Dixon, Chair)**

Former Vice Chair Delsenia Glover thanked for her work on the Committee; past Chair Lisa Downing also acknowledged for her work. On 5/23 the Department of Planning issued text amendment to incentivize all 59 Community Boards to reduce carbon by 80% by the year 2040. The Committee voted 5 yes in favor with recommendations: (1) provide number of buildings in CB10 that will be impacted by retrofitting, (2) **BCP? Environmental Justice** tenants protected from rent increases - how will landlords be able to afford costs, (3) detailed impact on energy charges accompanying conversion of gas to electric stoves, (4) provision of on-line accommodations to address noise and debris - particularly with respect to older buildings, (5) solar panels over roof - community notification of location of batteries are prior to installation, (6) small owners of buildings go to NYC accelerators system - buildings 25,000 sq. ft. or more - smaller Local Law 97 not required to retrofit, (7) city must provide training and make financing options available, The item passed unanimously by the Executive Committee.

**Parks and Recreation (Hon. Karen Horry)**

The Seneca Village exhibit in Central Park is now permanent. Central Park Conservancy presented information on an upcoming community workshop (the first of a series) which will be held in collaboration with the New York Historical Society. The Conversation and tour will explore how the exhibit, which is already in place, can be enhanced to amplify the story of the historic Seneca Village Community's story. Committee Chair Karen Horry attended the Conversation held on Saturday, June 3rd at the New York Historical Society. Board Member Cicely Harris was also in attendance. Chair Horry attended the Renaissance Playground charrette Zoom held on April 27th. The Harlem Junior Tennis Education Program (HJTEP) which is currently housed in the 369th Harlem Armory (managed by Harlem Children's Zone) is in need of capacity expansion for sustainability. Current space limits participation and substantiates the need for a larger physical asset. The organization is proposing the construction of their own facility. The targeted site is the interior of the Frederick Johnson Playground located at Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard and West 151st Street. CB 10 will be collaborating with the Third Rail, Black Players for Change and NYCFC to host the 2nd Annual Soccer Tournament and Community Day. The event was scheduled for today June 7th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm in Brigadier General Charles Young Playground at the mini soccer pitch located at West 143rd Street and Malcolm X Boulevard. The occasion had to be cancelled due to the extreme poor air quality condition created by the Canadian wildfire smoke. The event is being rescheduled for Monday, June 12th.

**Public Safety (Hon. Cicely Harris, Chair)**

Safe & Just Forum - Urban League partnership with Street Corner Resources worked with precinct that there is awareness and to promote community-friendly policing. Masks and hand sanitizer were distributed.

**Transportation, Landmarks and Historic Preservation (Dr. Keith Taylor)**  
No Voting Items - Welcome to new Board Members

**Task Forces:**

**Personnel (Hon. Derek Perkinson, Chair)**  
No Report

**Senior Task Force (Hon. Donna Gill, Chair)**  
William Hamer/Harlem Senior Advocates - Northern Manhattan- from 110th to 155th Streets and River to River - Project funded by donation from Nick Cannon - Committee meets every third Thursday of the month at 10 am. Barbara Baird - homeowners to house clients - looking for seniors to partner to live with seniors; safety and "30 Day Rule" and "squatter's rights of concern.

**Strategic Planning (Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin, Chair)**  
Committee needs members. Board Members will receive on-line focus groups through the summer starting in July. Thank you to former Board Member Delsenia Glover for all of her work.

**G. Presentation of Voting Items**

**1. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY**

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3. **Vegan Hood (Amendment for Sidewalk Cafe)**
4. **Canabis Local Tax Allocation (Resolution)**

**2. LAND USE**

1. **City of Yes Carbon Neutrality Citywide Text Amendment (Resolution)**

**V. BUSINESS SESSION**

- a. **2ND Roll Call - Hon. Karen Horry : 37 Present 8 Absent 5 Excused**  
**Outcome:** The meeting has Quorum

**Voting**

**Item : Purple Waves 662 LLC**

By Common Consensus

Tally:

36 Yes

0 Opposition

0 Recusal

1 Abstention - Dawn Richards - Reason: Not enough information to vote

**Outcome:** Motion Passes

**Item : Melba's Renewal**

By Common Consensus

Tally:

35 **Yes**

0 **Opposition**

1 **Recusal** - Reason Serves on Board that Melba is Chair of

1 **Abstention** - Dawn Richards - Reason: Not enough information to vote

**Outcome:** Motion Passes

**Item : VeganHood (Amendment for Sidewalk Cafe)**

By Common Consensus

Tally:

35 **Yes**

1 **Opposition**

0 **Recusal**

1 **Abstention** - Dawn Richards - Reason: Not enough information to vote

**Outcome:** Motion Passes

**Item Resolution / Canabis Local Tax Allocation**

By Common Consensus

Tally:

32 **Yes**

1 **Opposition**

1 **Recusal** - Cicely Harris

1 **Abstention** - Dawn Richards - Reason: Not enough information to vote

**Outcome:** Motion Passes

**Item Resolution / City of Yes Carbon Neutrality Citywide Text Amendment**

By Common Consensus

Tally:

34 **Yes**

1 **Opposition**

0 **Recusal**

2 **Abstention** - Hon. Dawn Richards - Reason: Not enough information to vote

- Hon. Cherise Wykoff - Reason: Not enough information to vote

**Outcome:** Motion Passes

**VI. Old Business**

**VII. New Business - None**

**VIII. Announcements**

- a. **Meet and Greet for incoming and leaving members before summer recess - 6/29**

**IX. Adjournment - Motion made by Hon. Dr. Maurice Franklin and seconded by Hon. Karen Dixon**

**Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.**

*~ Respectfully submitted by Hon. Karen Horry - Acting Secretary*