

# CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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## General Board Minutes

#### **Speakers:**

Maurice Cummings spoke to the community about Assemblyman Wright's plans to ensure that the Dream Act legislation is passed, which entails that students rights to education will not be affected due their immigration status. Informed the community of a Coat Drive held with Gov. Cuomo and Assemblyman Wright over the holidays.

Chair Henrietta Lyle was not available due to a family matter out of town. 1st Vice Chair, Keith Taylor, headed the General Board Meeting.

First Roll Call done by Barbara Nelson as Secretary, Crystal McKay was excused. Vote taken to accept the minutes, with approvals as necessary. Vote unanimous. The Agenda was adopted for the evening. No District Cabinet meeting was held in December due to the Holidays.

Brian Benjamin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair informed the community of a presentation by Deputy Commissioner Ann Marie Hendrickson of HPD Property and Asset Management.

Ms. Hendrickson informed the community with information defining HDFC's their qualifications, different types, their history of incorporations, tax abatements, regulations and the ways they are assessed by HPD. Detailed the number of HDFC's that currently exist in the Harlem Community stressing the importance of contacting HPD for additional information, especially prior to defaulting for non-compliance. She informed us that only one (1) of the existing eleven (11) are in compliance. She urged the community to communicate all concerns with her office. She provided her contact information for community follow up at her office. The knowledge of the responsibilities of the Boards and their members was beneficial, she expressed the benefits and losses based on compliance with Article 11 as specified by State Law. Municipal arrears are signs of a building in distress. HPD's goal is to assist these buildings in distress through linkages with resources and good management strategies. Classes are available to enhance the board members and community's knowledge of the process its strengths and weaknesses. She would like a partnership with all of the community boards to get the word out to the community. She also informed the community that her office would send out representatives to board elections to observe the process for transparency.

### Nina Saxon:

Informed the community of her position with the NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer. Provided her contact information. Looking forward to address any concerns the community may have which she can address in her new position. We applauded her position and will always welcome her at Community Board 10. (212)-669-3916 is the phone number to the Community Action Center, her cell number is 917-969-5742 and she can also be contacted at the following email address; <a href="mailto:nsaxon@comptrollernyc.gov">nsaxon@comptrollernyc.gov</a>.

2<sup>nd</sup> Roll Call was taken; Board Quorum achieved.

#### **Voting Items:**

1. **Azimuth Development Group**, Inc. proposed residential development project at 2803 – 2805 Frederick Douglas Blvd they desired to acquire the HPD owned parcel

**VOTE:** 21 Yes 12 No 2 Abstentions

2. **115 Restaurant Corp., d/b/a/Harlem Standard**, 2128 Frederick Douglas Blvd. (the South East corner of 115 Street) Full Liquor License

**VOTE:** 28 Yes 7 No 2 Abstentions

3. **Jeremy Wladis, d/b/a/ Custom Fuel Pizza, 2288 Frederick Douglas Blvd,** (the South East corner of 123<sup>rd</sup> Street) Full Liquor License

**VOTE:** 32 Yes 3 No 2 Abstentions

4. **Resolution – Morningside Avenue Street Improvements** (no vote taken, a motion for this resolution to go back to the committee, and a request for board members attendance for quorum and additional information)