

CB9 ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024

6:30 PM

Location: Hybrid meeting 3291/3295 Broadway, New York 10027 and Virtual Zoom Meeting (Zoom info available at CB9M.org events calendar: https://www.cb9m.org/cal_events)

Attendees:

Co-Chairs: Hon. Daria Hardeman and Hon. Tina Lumley

Committee Members:

Hon. Walter Alexander, Hon. Juan Colmenares, Hon. Carlton Davis, Hon. Tiago Kiel, Hon. Ilana Mercado, Hon. Sharon De La Cruz

Member	Present	Virtual	Absent	Excused	Recorded Minutes
Co-Chair Hon. Daria Hardeman	X				
Co-Chair Hon. Tina Lumley	X				
Hon. Walter T. Alexander	X				
Hon. Juan Colmenares			X		
Hon. Carlton Davis	X				
Hon. Sharon De La Cruz			X		
Hon. Tiago Kiel	X				X
Hon. Ilana Mercado		X			
Hon. Carolina Ramirez			X		

Public:

Dr. Maya Cunningham
John McGregor
Tova Peterson
Michael Palma
Habiba Koroma
Jennifer Bisser
Martin Collins

AGENDA

I. Call to Order @ 6:34 PM

II. Adopt Agenda with necessary corrections @ 6:35 PM, moved by Walter Alexander, Seconded by Carlton Davis

III. Adopt Minutes

IV. Introductions

- All existing and new Arts and Culture Committee attendees introduced themselves.
- Dr. Maya Cunningham - Africanist/African American ethnomusicologist, Founder and Executive Director of Themba Arts and Culture - mccunningham@umass.edu
- John McGregor - independent publisher, JMG Books
- Tova Peterson - professional costume designer/tailor, tango dancer and teacher
- Gisele - Themba Arts and Culture
- Michael Palma - West Harlem Arts Alliance
- Habiba Koroma - Biba K Design - habiba@bibakdesign.com - interior designer
- Jennifer Bisser - Director, Morningside Area Alliance
- Martin Collins - Uptown Arts Stroll Coordinator, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance
artstroll@nomaanyc.org - 212-567-4394 - www.nomaanyc.org
- Diarah - ArtMattan Films - info@nyadiff.org

V. Announcements

a. Who we are. What we do.

Committee Contact Information: CB9Arts@yahoo.com

Please also cc Co-chairs: DariaDaria@yahoo.com, TLumley@hotmail.com

VI. Committee Reports

a. Artist Information - Liaisons: Hon. Tina Lumley, Hon. Walter Alexander

(Arts & Culture committee distribution list: TLumley@hotmail.com & XAlex111@gmail.com

For CB9 Full Board Community E-blast, send announcements to: maayala@cb.nyc.gov)

- The subcommittee has distributed organizational information and event dates, and encourages others to share with this subcommittee so that you may be added to the email list

b. Visual Artist Exhibition Project - Liaisons: Hon. Tina Lumley, Hon. Ilana Mercado, Hon. Sharon De La Cruz

- Sent flyers to contacts encouraging submissions of artwork that have so far been displayed in the Harlem Hamilton Grange Library, the Chipped Cup, Zion Cafe, Dwyer Cultural Center, and Cafe One

- Tentative date June 14th for a Harlem art crawl and reception at the Dwyer

c. Strategic Planning Committee/Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) - no updates

Liaisons: Hon. Carlton Davis, Hon. Juan Colmenares, Hon. Carolina Ramirez, Hon. Sharon De La Cruz

d. West Harlem Arts Alliance - Liaisons: Hon. Daria Hardeman, Hon. Tina Lumley e. Harlem Arts

Alliance - Liaison: Hon. Daria Hardeman

- Final Learn, Mix, and Mingle this Wednesday at the Forum (5/8). Register at the WHAA's website for the event.
- 2 curators will curate Saturday weekends at Montefiore park for June Jazz. 6-7:30
- Monthly Town Hall on April 27th
- Event: Soul Science Soundtrack '63 - Thursday (5/9) at 9PM at The American Museum of Natural History - Live music and multimedia retrospective of the black experience in the United States. Get tickets here: [AMNH Soundtrack '63 Opening Performance \(office.com\)](https://www.amnh.org/whaa/soundtrack-63)
- May 18th - Art Forum at Riverbank State Park

VII. Community Updates (3 mins or less)

a. Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance - Martin Collins

Upcoming events, see full details and RSVP at Unitedpalace.org

22nd Harlem Arts Stroll Reception at 7-9 Friday at the United Palace

VIII. Presentations -

Jennifer Bisser - Director, Morningside Area Alliance

- represents organizations located in Morningside Heights, from colleges to theological organizations to arts organizations
- Events digest published on Wednesdays, with public events and promotions available.

- La Salle Open Street - official Open Street initiative every Thursdays from May-Oct. with improved programming and events (4-9 PM) between Broadway and Claremont.
- Active promoter of tourism, culture, and the arts in Harlem with the Harlem Culture Crawl.
- A Harlem Arts Festival was proposed and future networking/planning began.

Maya Cunningham - Max Roach at 100 Centennial Legacy Project, Themba Arts and Culture

- Themba Arts and Culture - 501(C)3 organization to preserve African and African-American Culture in the African Diaspora.
- Projects: Max roach at 100 Centennial Legacy, and Langston Hughes Legacy. Additionally the organization provides culturally sensitive musical curricula to public schools.
- Provides many programs across the country for many ages, with further details to be found on their website, ethnomusicologyinaction.org
- Max Roach Centennial Legacy Project - conceived by Charles Tolliver & Maya Cunningham. Tolliver worked alongside Max Roach in his band
 - Event will celebrate Roach's legacy and integral part in the jazz & bebop movement, Civil Rights movement, and in teaching jazz and traditionally African American music.
 - Multi-city project with direction from all over the country.
 - Activities: concert tour, Symposium at the University of Pittsburgh, Panel Discussions across universities, edited volume of essays, and programming for New York Public Schools
 - Requests assistance from CB9 in support of an Honorary Street Co-Naming at Central Park West and West 101st Street, naming it "Max Roach Way." Envisions elected officials speaking, and additional musical presentations at the renaming. Hoping for Friday September 20th.

Letter of support for the honorary street co-naming: Moved by Walter Alexander and Seconded by Carlton Davis @ 7:54 the Committee unanimously voted to issue a letter of support for the Max Roach Centennial if appropriate.

Tova Peterson - desires to get back into teaching and organizing Argentine Tango dances

- 141st and Broadway - a private home and former church that would be open to performances and classes on Wednesday evenings.
- Hoping to find resources and ways to connect with members in the community who might be interested in these tango classes. Will likely start late May to early June, with series lasting 6 weeks.
 - Michael Palma suggested Harlem One Stop and adding to the WHAA's A-List, connecting with other dance companies, and the Harlem School of the Arts.
 - Daria suggested Riverbank State Park, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, and Bisser's Morningside Area Alliance
 - And, as always, all flyers and documents for dissemination could be sent to the Community Board and the Arts & Culture Committee.

IX. Old Business

Discussion about the allocation of funds to a reception and bus to transport people for the Harlem Art Crawl.

Motion: Request to allocate funds for the MCB9 Celebrates Local Artists event: ~400 for the bus and 400 for the reception.

Moved by Tina Lumley, Seconded by Carlton Davis

X. New Business

XI. Adjourn at 8:11, Moved by Carlton Davis, seconded by Tina Lumley.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024, at 6:30 pm.