



**Executive Committee Meeting Notes**  
**Thursday May 9th, 2024**  
**6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)**

- I. Call to Order**
- Call to order made at 6:47 p.m. by Chair Edwards. Quorum achieved 15/19 members in attendance (M.Dunn, W. Alexander, C. Davis, V. Edwards, H. Jason, S. Prophete, A. Robinson, C. Thompson, S. Wilson, J. Adewumi, L. Henry, D. McIntosh Brown, E. Torres, S. Mortensen, M. Hardin-Cordero, B. Weinberg )
  - Virtual - T. Kovaleff
  - Excused - T. Lumley
- II. Adopt Meeting Agenda**
- Friendly amendment to the agenda made by B. Weinberg - to add 701 West 135th Street to the agenda.
  - Motion to adopt agenda made by M. Dunn. Seconded by S. Wilson. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- III. Adopt Committee Minutes (from 04/11/24)**
- Motion to adopt minutes made by S. Wilson. Seconded by W. Alexander. Minutes are adopted by members present.
- IV. Chair's Report (V. Edwards)**
- One will be submitted for General Board Meeting
  - Re-appointments and New Appointments made to the MCB9 Board
  - Please submit meeting minutes and resolutions ahead of executive board and general board meetings
  - Senior Forum being held tomorrow Friday 5/10 - please attend and volunteer if you can.
- V. Treasurer's Report (D. McIntosh-Brown)**
- Included in packet
  - P-Card balance - \$1,088.86 as of 5/9/2024
  - Please submit requests for Discretionary funds - deadline approaching
  - Several cuts to the budgets
    - i. Need to respond
      1. Testimony to the City Council
      2. Reso to the Mayor's Proposed Budget
- VI. District Manager's Report (E. Prince)**
- Included in the distributed packet
  - Con Edison Program to provide air conditioning and fans to eligible citizens in need
  - Rat Academy Training being offered
  - Sat 5/18 - My Park Day at Montefiore Park 10am-1pm
  - MCB9 was selected by the Mayor's Office — for the Quality of Life Issues Pilot Program
- VII. Committee Reports:**
- Arts & Culture
    - i. No one present to give an update



- Economic Development
  - i. Presentation on the CBA allocation of money from 2008 going towards the Harlem Piers
    - 1. went to dedicated staff to help support the Harlem Piers
    - 2. However, the staff is not sufficient for the upkeep and needs to be supplemented by NYC staff
    - 3. Money is in escrow and should continue to last for another 10 years
  - ii. Harlem Rocket Ferry and Ferris Wheel
    - 1. Did present at the Landmarks & Parks Committee Meeting last year per H. Jason - no resolution came out of it. Letter of Support was given for the Ferry only.
- Uniform, Transportation, and Services (UTS)
  - i. Committee did not have quorum present
  - ii. DOT - Discount Metrocards Mobile Station on 145th St. Nicholas Avenue
  - iii. DDC Point of Contact needed regarding project at 135th Street and 12th Avenue
  - iv. 30th precinct talked about an increase in Moped related robberies
- Landmarks & Parks
  - i. Kota Alliance proposal - it was voted down
    - 1. LPC reached out to Committee Chairs saying Architects had an issue presenting
    - 2. Kota did not attend the committee meeting in May. They want to present in June.
    - 3. The Committee Meeting is full for June. We may want to consider letting them present during June General Board Meeting
- Housing and Land Use
  - i. Did not have May meeting yet - will take place next week
  - ii. Local Law Compliance 97
  - iii. WeACT and Community Land Trusts
  - iv. Anthony Carrion - Civic Commission came to the April meeting
  - v. 451 Convent Avenue - would like to do a resolution
    - 1. We would like to have a say of what goes there.
  - vi. Fair Share Analysis for a Shelter on 129th Street
  - vii. New Shelter opening up at 147th and Amsterdam (former Childs Memorial site)
  - viii. April Tyler Street Naming
  - ix. 701 West 135th Street - Public Hearing
  - x. City of Yes - Zoning Opportunities in June (6/13)
  - xi. FAIR Act for Tenants and Block Association(s)
  - xii. Landlords renting rent-stabilized rooms
    - 1. Only getting fined (they see this as just the cost of business)
    - 2. DA's office and HPD could bring cases against the Landlords
    - 3. Victims are easily exploitable
- Youth, Education and Libraries
  - i. Did not have May meeting yet - will take place next week
  - ii. Communication from School Construction Authority (SCA) - signaled there are no updates regarding the Columbia school building
  - iii. SCA is following up with NYC Public Schools. They are feeling stonewalled.



- iv. Should they reach out to Columbia? Lofton Flowers? Follow up with Eric.
- o Senior Action
  - i. Senior Forum taking place on Fri 5/10
  - ii. Please attend and volunteer if you can.
- o Health
  - i. Met on May 6th - had a quorum
  - ii. Presentation on Medicare Advantage
  - iii. Presentation from NYC DoHMH
  - iv. Working on resolutions (currently in draft) awaiting feedback.
  - v. Presentation re: Rain Proof NYC
  - vi. Presentation by WeACT
- o Strategic Planning
  - i. Will meet later this month
  - ii. Summer Pre-College Courses not covered by CBA with Columbia
  - iii. State Reps are Sponsoring the decommissioning of the Empire Development Group
    - 1. Columbia has not lived up to all the commitments that they made under the CBA. Will this affect the GPP?
    - 2. Columbia seeking to use eminent domain to acquire more land
- o Cannabis Task Force
  - i. Nothing to report this month

### **VIII. Action Item(s):**

1. Reso re: Protect and Respect the Rights of Protesters and Residents in MCB9
  - a. Preventing people from walking on 140th Street and Convent Avenue
    - i. members living in the area have to walk through barriers/checkpoints
  - b. Need to push back the perimeter to City College
  - c. Observations were made that the Police mistreated members of the community
  - d. Chair Edwards had discussions with Captain Rose of the 30th Precinct
  - e. W. Alexander motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by S. Wilson. Resolution passes via Unanimous Consent and will be on the May 2024 General Board Meeting agenda.
2. Reso re: Support and Advocacy for NYC Municipal Retirees Urging the NYC Council to Pass INT 1099
  - a. Presented by L. Henry
  - b. B. Weinberg motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by W. Alexander. Resolution passes via Unanimous Consent and will be on the May 2024 General Board Meeting agenda.
3. Reso re: Combatting the Critical Threat of Rechargeable Battery Fires
  - a. 2 St. Nicholas Place Fire caused by faulty rechargeable batteries
  - b. Fire on 152nd Street
  - c. 5 Bills were passed by other city council members
  - d. Streetscapes meeting - asked about recharging stations for bikes



- e. Waiting on FDNY to provide us the data
  - f. Congressman Richie Torres looking to pass legislation to a federal standard
  - g. W. Alexander motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by S. Wilson. Resolution passes via Unanimous Consent and will be on the May 2024 General Board Meeting agenda.
4. Reso re: MCB9's Objection to the Proposed Budget Cuts to the Emergency Food Funds
    - a. Presented by E. Torres - in response to Mayor cutting funding
    - b. Can we encourage partnerships between CBOs and restaurants?
    - c. Too Good to Go (App) - discounted meals to go
    - d. City Harvest works with local restaurants
    - e. Supermarkets have senior discount days - needs to have a more coordinated effort
    - f. Liability with prepared food
    - g. B. Weinberg motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown. Resolution passes via Unanimous Consent and will be on the May 2024 General Board Meeting agenda.
5. Reso re: Supporting the Passage of NYC Council Intro 988-A Reso 0771
    - a. Presented by L. Henry
    - b. B. Weinberg motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by W. Alexander. Resolution passes via Unanimous Consent and will be on the May 2024 General Board Meeting agenda.
6. Reso: 701 West 135th Street (ULURP)
    - a. Presented by B. Weinberg
    - b. Watched presentation made to City Planning
    - c. Number of concerns
      - i. Amtrak tracks (live railway)
      - ii. Flood Zone
      - iii. Environmental Hazard issues / EPA
      - iv. Landlord decided not to rent out commercial spaces, currently zoned for manufacturing
    - d. City Council not likely to veto, in favor to change zoning and build housing
    - e. Resolution will be against this development
    - f. W. Alexander motions for Unanimous consent. Motion was seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown. Resolution passes via Unanimous Consent and will be on the May 2024 General Board Meeting agenda.

New Liquor License Application(s):

7. Reso re: Bus Stop Diner - 3341 Broadway, NYC 10031
8. Reso re: Quezada's Taco Corp. - 501 West 145th Street NYC 10031
  - No objections from NYPD 30th precinct.
  - Motion for unanimous consent by B. Weinberg, seconded by W. Alexander. Remaining members present approve via unanimous consent. Passes to May 2024 General Board Meeting.

Liquor License Renewal(s):



9. Reso re: Greenwood Lake Group, LLC aka Harlem Public - 3612 Broadway NYC 10031
10. Reso re: El Nuevo Tina Restaurant Corp. - 511 West 125th, NYC 10027

- No objections from 26th & 30th precinct. Clean SLA report for above applications
  - B. Weinberg moves for unanimous consent. L. Henry seconds the motion.
  - Rest of the members in attendance approve via unanimous consent. Renewal applications approved to move to May 2024 General Board Meeting.
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- Applicants would receive a new questionnaire form based on CB4.

Class Change(s):

- None for this month

**X. Old/New Business:**

- Reminder Senior Forum - Friday 5/10 from 11am-3pm
- Harlem Wellness Fest - Saturday 5/18 from 11am-3pm at Marcus Garvey Park

**XI. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn meeting made by V. Edwards. Seconded by W. Alexander. All committee members agree.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

***Please note: The next Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 13th, 2024***

***Respectfully submitted by S. Prophete***