



**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 16th, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

I. Call to Order

- Roll Call Attendance/Sign-in Sheet taken by Solomon Prophete & Eutha Prince.
- Meeting called to order at 6:47 pm by Chair Edwards (quorum achieved).

II. Adopt Agenda

- Friendly amendment added by L. Gerson to add Gaza Reso to meeting agenda
- Motion to adopt the agenda by S. Wilson. Seconded by J. Martin-Green.
- Agenda has been adopted by members present.

III. Adopt Minutes (from 04/18/2024 meeting)

- Motion to adopt the minutes by J. Martin-Green. Seconded by W. Alexander.
- Agenda has been adopted by members present.

IV. Presentation(s)/Update(s)/Discussion(s)

1. NYPD Captain Cary Rose (Commanding Officer) and Capt. Francisco Lopez

- Officer Espinal is no longer with 30th Pct. - different assignment within NYPD
- Captain Rivera has stepped down, Capt. Rose is now the commanding officer

2. Introduction to new Board Members

- 13 New Board Members
- Hon. Nicauris Camilo, Hon. Gretchen Connelie, Hon. Felipe Castillo, Hon. Justin Dent, Hon. Vanessa Caughman, Hon. Ernesto Graham, Hon. Joshua Christopher, Hon. Julia Nagle, Hon. Daniel Clark, Jr., Hon. Veronica Savage, Hon. Sojourna Collier, Hon. Essence White,
- 6 in attendance - introduced themselves

V. Reports:

1. Chair..... Hon. Victor Edwards

- Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Senior Health Forum
- Protests at Columbia University and City College
- Met with City College Provost again regarding community engagement
 - Barricades should be moved back
- Multiple issues at St. Nicholas Avenue on 145th Street
- Thanked former board members for their service
- Congratulations to Tiago - accepted to Columbia University

- Members should review bylaws
2. Treasurer..... Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown
 - Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
 - Letter of comment submitted to Office of Management and Budget / Mayor's Office re: Budget Cuts
 3. District Manager..... Ms. Eutha Prince
 - Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
 - Libraries days of operation cut from 6 to 5 days a week
 - Introduced District Office Staff
 - My Park Day - 5/18 at Montefiore Park from 10am - 1pm
 - School Slow Zone along Convent Ave.
 - Small Business Revitalization
 - NYS HEAP Program
 4. WHDC..... Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson
 - Report is included in the distributed meeting packet
 - Last meeting took place on 4/24
 - New Board Member - Larry English (Former CB9 member) was voted in
 - List of Grantees will be released at the end of the month
 - In kind benefits - community members are utilizing online form
 - Arts Festival - June 1st from 11a-7p on St. Nicholas Avenue from West 141st-145th
 - 2 new people (Lawyers) were appointed to the WHDC board via application
 5. UMEZ..... Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas
 - Will meet in another week and a half
 - Microloan program is still open
 - Extended Hybrid Loan Program
 - <https://www.umez.org/business-investment-loans>
 - Gave grants to over 20 CB9 organizations
 - Urban League Training - <https://nul.org/jobs>
 6. MBP Office - Shawn Brannon
 - 300 slots, 800 plus people applied
 - June 11th - NYC 2 West 64th St @ Ethical Culture Rent Guidelines Board
 - Budget updates
 - Hate Crime Laws have been expanded
 - Only 58 accessible restaurants in Manhattan
 - Looking for volunteers at the MBP office for events coming up
 - Public Bathrooms Uptown?
 - Is MBP Levine in support of the libraries
 7. Mayor's Office - Tiffany Brown Community Affairs
 - 75 illegal shops closed across 5 boroughs - Operation Padlock
 - \$6 million dollars in penalties

- Curriculum on Hate Crime(s) and Impact
 - Teach students about hate crimes and bias incidents
 - Breaking Bread and Building Bonds Initiatives - have dinner with the Mayor
8. DSNY Update Goodman, Vigurs, Ryan Merola - Asst. Commissioners
- Containerization all throughout the District - go forward model for residential and commercial
 - Hamilton Heights Takeaways
 - sealed containers, assigned containers
 - rat sightings down 55% in pilot zones
 - Change the way we do trash in NYC
 - Prototype truck to pick up containers will be rolled out in about a year
 - 10 blocks are currently in the pilot zone
 - Viability study - 96% success in most city streets
 - Should reduce the amount of space that the containers take up including parking
 - 149th and St. Nicholas Avenue - missing trash cans
 - City Data for Rat Mitigation Zones
 - City wide number went down 6%
 - Rat Mitigation zones went down 14%
 - Will work with buildings and staff to determine if they need containers

VI. Public Session/Public Hearing:

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- Neil Weisbord
 - In favor of 701 West 135th Street development
 - 7 story, 60 unit - 18 affordable units
 - Environmental review has conducted
- Jason Diaz
 - Conducted Environmental Site Assessment on 701 West 135th Street
 - Discussed their procedure
 - There could be potential hazardous material at the site
 - Noise study was done.
 - Trains only run 24 times a day from 10am - 7pm
 - Not technically a waterfront site
 - Vibration study was done. But where is the proof? Not included in the EIS report.
 - Special permit needed to build adjacent to a railway
- Rose cutting workshop at Trinity Church Cemetery - June 13th from 1 to 6pm
- Merlene Smith-Sotillo
 - In favor of Sickie Cell Resolution
- David Schardane
 - The Getaway on 151st and Riverside Drive
 - Music is free
 - Issue #1 - Leaking from the sidewalk going unto the roof of his restaurant due to the MTA M11 Bus

- Issue #2 - In the castle, DOT equipment belongs to them and needs to remove asbestos so he can continue to work on electrical work in the building
- Alexis Martinez - 512 West 151st Street
 - Having trouble to find parking space waiting 2-3 hours
 - More tenants moving in and have more than 1 car
 - Something needs to be done to address the lack of parking in our district

2. Elected Officials – 2 questions each

- Shawn Brannon (Mark Levine’s Office)
 - started on April 7th
 - Contact - sbrannon@manhattanbp.nyc.gov; 212-669-4519
 - Shawn is formerly of CB10
 - His predecessor, Tricia Shimamura, went to NYC Parks
 - Address the need of public restrooms – reached out to MTA
 - Volunteer Corps – go to manhattanbp.nyc.gov website
 - We currently only have 38 community board members active out of 50 possible members. Looking to select new applicants/members soon.
- Gabriela Carela (Shawn Abreu’s Office)
 - Participatory Budgeting Vote ended
 - Rat Mitigation Zones
 - Residential Parking – DOT is making an assessment
 - Double Parked cars on 145th Street
- Fernanda Lujan - Manhattan District Attorney’s Office
 - Landlord Harassment
 - <https://manhattanda.org/>
- Miriam Hernandez (Danny O’Donnell’s Office)
 - <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Daniel-J-O'Donnell/sponsor/>
 - Contact Office —> (212) 866-3970
 - Free Breast Cancer Screening Event - Sun 5/5 9 am - 430 pm
 - Elevator lobby building – movement from MTA and CU
- Joya Abbas (Assemblyman Al Taylor’s Office)
 - <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Al-Taylor>
 - Will be voting on a bill to close illegal cannabis shops
 - Free Shred Event on 5/18
 - Hosting a listening tour
- Solomon Acevedo - (Public Advocate’s Office)
 - <https://advocate.nyc.gov/>
 - Championing Worst Landlord List
 - Who is your landlord? Anonymous surveys for residents

VII. Action Items:

1. Reso: Protect the Respect the Rights of Protestors and Residents in MCB9
 - Roll call vote - 32 Yes and 1 No (Yoo) and 1 abstain (Kovaleff)

2. Reso re: Promotion of the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifelines in Underserved Areas
 - Friendly amendment to call for more additional staffing
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by V. Edwards and seconded by I. Mercado. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent.
3. Reso re: MCB9's Objection to the Proposed Budget Cuts to the Emergency Food Funds
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by W. Alexander and seconded by S. Wilson. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent.
4. Reso re: Resolution 0771 and Intro 968-A to address the critical issues surrounding Sickle Cell Disease
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by D. McIntosh-Brown and seconded by W. Alexander. No members objected. Resolution passes via Unanimous consent.
5. Letter of Denial re: 43 St. Nicholas Place aka KOTA Alliance
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by W. Alexander and seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown. No members objected. Letter of Denial passes via Unanimous consent.
6. 701 West 135th Street (ULURP)
 - Presented by L. Waytkus
 - Deny and Not Support the Land Use and Zoning Changes
 - Riverside Park Conservancy submitted letter against the development
 - Friendly amendments made to the resolution
 - Roll Call Vote: Yes - 26; No - 2; Abstain - 6
 - There will be City Planning and City Council hearings

Liquor License New Application(s) & Retail Permit

7. Reso re: Bus Stop Diner – 3341 Broadway, NYC 10031
8. Reso re: Quezada's Taco Corp. – 501 W. 145th St., NYC 10031
 - Presented by C. Thompson. No objections from NYPD 26 or 30th Precincts. No open violations present for above applicants. Passed UTS committee.
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by S. Wilson and seconded by I. Mercado. H. Jason, P. Caldwell, Yoo, and Nagle abstain from voting.
 - There were no objections to unanimous consent from members present. New Liquor License applications pass without any objections.

Liquor License Renewal(s):

9. Reso re: Greenwood Lake Group, LLC – 3612 B'way, NYC 10031
10. Reso re: ElNuevo Tina Restaurant Corp. – 511 W. 125th St., NYC 10027
 - Presented by C. Thompson. No objections from NYPD 26 or 30th Precincts. No SLA violations present for above applicants. Passed UTS committee.
 - Motion for unanimous consent was made by S. Wilson and seconded by I. Mercado. H. Jason, P. Caldwell, Yoo, Nagle abstain.

- There were no objections to unanimous consent from members present. Liquor License Renewals pass without any objections.

VIII. **Old Business**

- None at this time.

IX. **New Business**

- None at this time

X. **Adjourn**

- Motion to adjourn made by A. Adams and seconded by W. Alexander
- Meeting adjourned by Chair Edwards at 9:04 PM.

Please Note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20th, 2024

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete (Secretary MCB9)