

Manhattan Community Board Chair's report covering the period of May 29, 2024 - June 12, 2024.

May 29 - Columbia University Community Advisory Council

A meeting was held with Loftin Flowers and Phoebe Arnold, representatives from Columbia University regarding the Columbia Advisory Council. This Council which was initiated approximately one year ago, intending to provide improved engagement between the University and the surrounding community. This focal point of this meeting was to provide an update as well as clarity as to the ongoing activities and community outreach of the program. Loftin Flowers explained that the name of the committee was being changed to "Columbia Local" but the mission would remain the same, community engagement. Columbia University anticipates the fall of 2024 as the projected date for this endeavor to be fully operational. I suggested that the plan should be presented to CB9's full Community Board at the next General Board meeting, which Loftin Flowers committed to.

May 29 - Meeting Local Resident Derrick Haynes

Derrick Haynes, a Manhattanville resident and youth advocate requested a meeting with CB9, Columbia University, and NYPD. Derrick expressed his plans for youth activities for the upcoming summer. Along with summer jobs, he proposed activities for the younger residents of the area. NYPD stated they would provide sports and fun activities each Wednesday in the Manhattanville Houses ball field. Loftin Flowers mentioned the various summer camps and other activities offered by the University. CB9 has vowed that we would be supportive of all these events in the District.

June 1 - New York Multi-Cultural Festival

I had the pleasure of attending the 15th Annual Multi-Cultural Festival on Saturday, June 1 at Jackie Robinson Park, in which I enjoyed. The festival was organized by the African Chorus Ensemble - whose President is our own CB9 Joyce Adewumi – which celebrates the various cultures of NYC. There were entertainers representing various countries such as Russia, Mexico, and China just to name a few. In addition, the park was also filled with various vendors selling food and a variety of other items. Congrats to another successful festival by this local organization.

June 6 - Uniform Services Transportation Committee Meeting

As a part of the June UST meeting, the Captains from the 30 Pct. and Transit Division 3 were invited to discuss the hectic/dangerous double parking situation that exists along St. Nicholas Avenue. Along with the regular committee members we also had residents from one of the buildings along this corridor. Several residents in addition to myself expressed the concerns of how dangerous this double parking situation has become in recent months. Capt. Rose explained that officers had begun ticketing double cars as well as speaking with the businesses and the schools along the corridor. Capt. Rios of Transit Division 3 stated that he had given strict instructions to his officers regarding the double parking of NYPD vehicles as well as the officer's vehicles along St. Nicholas Ave.

New Manhattan Community Board #9 Members

Welcomed to our newest Community Board 9 Members. We look forward to your input, advocacy and commitment to your/our CB9 community. Many have applied to join our team but only a few were chosen to serve on what we at CB9 know is notable and worthwhile endeavor.... V. Edwards