

LENOXFIVE 127 BLOCK ASSOCIATION

February 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Announcements

- CB 10 meeting and there is a lot of interesting information
 - Emails about not receiving post-mail after the blizzard
 - There was actually a protest on January 5th at the post office around senior citizens not having a dedicated window so they wouldn't have to wait in line and lack of quality at the post office
 - Manager was replaced with a new manager
 - Martinez is the new postal carrier and permanent postal carrier
 - Tiffani spoke to him as well, and he explained there was just a gap in service from the last postman to the new one
 - Atlah Church was discussed
 - They owe over \$1M in tax liabilities
 - There is going to be a foreclosure auction on Feb 24th for the building
 - Next block association meeting Tuesday March 8th
 - Suzan Cook will be attending the meeting
 - Guests and new neighbors
 - Kimberly at #79 is her first meeting
- Treasury Report
 - This month there is not much new activity, no new income
 - We paid an outstanding bill for the hoodies
 - \$1,450 dollars in operating budget which can go toward some fixed expenses, but the rest is for initiatives for the rest of the year
 - If you want to order any hoodies, please contact us at lenoxfive127@gmail.com
- Park Committee Report
 - Tal couldn't make it, but he said they are still working on transferring property to Harlem Grown
 - Tony Hilary, Harlem Grown
 - We are on schedule for everything for the impact farm. The vertical hydroponic unit should be in here by Early April and we will be building out small sections at a time
 - Harlem Grown is starting to pay down the tax liens and entering into agreements
 - In the meantime, still building out and planting this spring
 - Tal will be in touch for volunteering opportunities
 - Tiffani – what about fundraising?

- Tony – if anyone has any extra money or knows anyone that can help, please put them in touch. We had a successful fundraiser around December time, but we will need more
- Nikko – should we go through Tal for fundraising?
 - Tony – we hired someone for development today, so please get in touch with HG and we can point you to the right person
- Tiffani – if we are able to give anything else other than money? Supplies? Volunteers?
 - Tony – everything. We need just about everything. If you have anything to donate, including in-kind donations, we can accept it. We are tax deductible 501c3.
- Sanitation & Beautification – Sandy is travelling John and Nikko to substitute
 - Survey Results
 - 53 Hard copy results and 27 electronic results submitted = 62 surveys completed
 - Friday vs. Saturday
 - Majority suggested Saturday
 - Live Music vs. Spoken Word / Potluck
 - Majority wanted a potluck event (82%)
 - Classes –
 - Majority preferred storytelling, yoga, exercise, cooking, acting
 - Movies
 - Family friendly movies were the most popular
 - #1 Class suggestion = Gardening / Nutrition
 - Lots of people said they can volunteer for everything
 - Grant
 - Submitted an application for a \$3000 grant as a “Community Engagement Grant”
 - Two parts to our idea - Entertainment and education
 - Movie nights, Potluck Night, Talent Show / Spoken Word Night
 - Education-wise – 2-4 classes on Saturdays from 9 AM – 1 PM (Health, Education, Career Development)
 - April we will find out if we actually won the grant
 - If we win, we will assign captains to help steer the programming because it is not really a “sanitation & beautification” responsibility
 - Question – Kathy – Is this considered a block party?
 - This particular grant is not about “block” party – it’s more about bringing all of the blocks together.
 - Kathy – if we do a block party, it should happen on the whole block (not just the farm portion). This was one of the main reasons why is started the block party

- We can make it happen with donations from the supermarket, stores, and surrounding businesses and a lot of the times they are willing to donate.
 - Nikko – we should pitch this to the social committee
 - Kathy – we have people on the block w/ experience to help out with planning.
- Sanitation and Beautification also requested services from Dept of Transportation, Dept of sanitation on February 5th.
 - We were able to submit request for Garbage cans, tree survey, and tree clinics, speed bump, and lighting surveys
- Kathy – this dark is very block, it is known as a “Getaway” block.
 - Michael - we put in a request for a street light survey
- Sign-in Sheet
 - When you go back to your buildings please take down notices
- Questions/comments?
 - Kathy – Mt. Zion church is selling raffles
 - Raffle is on April 1st (HP notebook, tablet, and \$50 prizes).