

LENOXFIVE 127 BLOCK ASSOCIATION

March 8, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Announcements

- In addition to the other monthly meetings scheduled, the special meeting to discuss the homeless men's shelter at 33/35 West 126th Street was communicated. It was scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th at 431 West 125th Street at 6PM. Representatives from the NYPD, CB10 and the Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer attended. Please see below for minutes of that meeting provided by Karen Shelton of the 126th Block Association.

Membership - Marilyn

- Asked for any new neighbors or guests to announce themselves (none)
- Asked for all attendees to stand and introduce themselves to facilitate community building
- Michael & Marilyn communicated that to encourage membership, paying dues is NOT required to vote on any topics, however it is encouraged and remains at \$25/year/member. People will be able to pay dues at any meeting via cash, check or credit card (soon via Square)

Treasurer's report - Michael

- Current balance is \$1,539.95, up \$80 from the January close.
- Michael picked up the \$1,000 Love Your Block Grant check, which will also be deposited into the account.

Sanitation/Beautification report - Michael

- The date for the Love Your Block event will be on May 21st (raindate of June 7th)
- We will need at least 20 volunteers
- Scope of work is to focus on building a tree guard for the tree in front of the church and to mulch/clean around the other trees on the block.
- We should hear about the \$3,000 Love Your Neighborhood Grant in April. If we are awarded the grant, we have to mobilize quickly. Marilyn expressed the need for one overall project manager and leads for the 4 other events:
 - Open Mike night/Talent Show in July
 - End of Summer Pot Luck in August
 - 3 movie nights on the 2nd weekend of each month
 - Class Scheduling
- A question was raised as to where these events would take place. Michael responded that we need to get confirmation from Harlem Grown that they could support this programming at the Farm on 127th Street. Tony from HG responded that we will need to talk about that as

programming is still being developed for the Farm and it may not be possible to support these events.

Farm report - Tony

- Tony announced that there is a Community Design Workshop being held on Saturday, March 19th from 1-3PM at the Dempsey Center (127 West 127th St) where members of the community can propose ideas for the Farm. Not all ideas are guaranteed to be used but it gives the community the opportunity to have input. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Suzan Johnson – candidate for the 13th Congressional District – spoke and answered questions for the remainder of the meeting, which adjourned at 8PM.

Men's Shelter Update – Meeting with MBPO – Wednesday, Mar 8 A. Manhattan Borough President's Office (MBPO) Northern Manhattan Office

1. Summary of discussions –

a) *The following representatives spoke:* ~~WSTBA~~ *representatives spoke (Karen Shelton, Denise Durham); NYPD 28th Precinct (Lt. Kelly),* *S:Us Representatives (Jose Ca*
Young) *Department of Homeless*

b) *Residents of 126th and 127th streets and 5th avenue spoke about specific incidents.*

c) *Actionable items and follow ups were clarified –*

(1) For the Shelter
SUS maintains a Call Log In
Conduct the contractually required Monthly Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings
5. Patrol the Block

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3. Have a wr

(2) For the Block Association

1. Maintain a log

central contact person to liaise between the Block Associations and NYPD, MBPO, DHS and CB10

(3) For NYPD, MBPO and DHS – Awaiting Follow-up e-mail.

B. Next Steps – Who What Where When

1. KAREN: Expect Follow-up from Jose Caraballo by next week.
2. KAREN: Alert BA of next meeting of 127th St BA to express gratitude.