

LenoxFive 127th Street Block  
Association  
General Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2015

1. Park Committee - Tal Marnin brought us up to date on the progress with Abyssinian Development Corp. as it concerns ADC's ownership of the Park and Harlem Grown. Liens against ADC are already cancelled and the ADC Board has approved a short term lease to HG. Tal explained that HG will turn the Park into an urban garden, not a playground.
1. Community Liaison Committee
  - 911/311 Campaign - Tiffani Chambers will prepare an information sheet regarding 911 vs. 311 issues and distribute to the membership.
  - The NE corner of Lenox and 127th Street continues to be a

problem. Tiffany mentioned that she had spoken with the owner of 81 W. 127 (the apartment building over the corner store) who was very supportive anything we can do to clean up the corner.

- Neighborhood Watch Signs - George Duran introduced the design for the Neighborhood Watch Signs, which was unanimously approved by the membership. We then discussed the purchase of signs. Each sign is approximately \$20. The membership felt that a total of 8 would be sufficient. However, the membership also felt that \$175 was too much for the BA to fund. A number of people volunteered to make donations. The BA membership voted to fund 4 signs and any additional signs will be purchased through donations.

## 1. Guest speakers

- Deputy Inspector Michael Davidson from the 32nd Precinct spoke to us regarding the new community policing initiative which will roll out in September. The 32 covers 127th Street up to 133rd Street between 5th and St. Nicholas. He heard our grievance regarding the NE corner and pledged to start a foot patrol in the evenings starting at around 6:30 p.m. He encouraged us to continue to communicate with Derika Graham, Community Affairs Officer for the 32 and to connect with Officer Waller - Crime Prevention Officer.
- Officer Lopezmaceda answered our questions regarding the timing of the community policing initiative for the 28th Precinct. Because it is the smallest precinct, he was not optimistic that they would be among early precincts in the roll out. The

- membership expressed concern that whatever good was done on the NS of the street would simply move to the SS of the street.
- Dominique Lynch introduced herself as the Community Liaison from Inez Dickens' office
  - Director of Homeless Shelter on 128th Street was unable to attend the meeting but Kathy Smith said she would continue to work on scheduling her to attend one of our meetings. In the meantime, we learned from Kathy that the shelter has a rule that their clients are not allowed to loiter on residential blocks.
1. Team T-Shirt (Elisia and Eric) Eric presented the 3 designs for the T-Shirts and members who had not voted online, voted by a show of hands. The total of votes (combining the online votes and the show of

hands votes) was overwhelmingly in favor of Option A.

1. Neighborhood Network Report - Marilyn reported that she had met with the President of the 126th Street BA, who had organized 5 block parties and would be happy to offer consult as we explore our own party for next summer. Marilyn and Amber attended the Harlem Neighborhood BA and offered to help them gather signatures for their petition to stop further homeless shelter, temporary housing and drug rehab saturation of the neighborhood.
1. Committees - Marilyn announced that the next committee to be formed would be the Sanitation and Beautification Committee and that volunteers were needed.