

April 12, 2016
General Membership Meeting Agenda

1. Announcements

- **Wednesday 4/13** - 6:30 p.m. - 28th Precinct Community Council meeting – at Touro College – entrance on West 124th Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues – 4th Floor)
- **Thursday 4/21** - 7:00 p.m. - 32nd Precinct Community Council meeting @ Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Community Center, 34 W 134th Street
- **Wednesday 5/4** – 6:00 p.m. - CB 10 Meeting - 2nd floor art gallery of the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building (163 West 125th Street)
 - **Great meeting to go to.** Good representation of wider community
- **Tuesday, 5/10** – Next LenoxFive 127th Street Block Association Meeting
 - **Still scheduled for Love your block beautification on the 21st.**
- **Saturday, 5/21** - Love Your Block Beautification Event!
- Guests and New Neighbors
 - Alex – 79 West 127. Lived here since august.
 - Rasheed - #79 – January. Excited to meet everyone
 - Ruby – Work at 127 W 127 with HG, Farmer. Helping to build garden.
 - Whitney – Harlem Grown, working with HG

2. Membership standing/Membership dues

1. Goal is to grow membership and know the membership
2. People Map, identify the buildings number of apartments on the floor
3. After we map the block we will do a survey
4. Break membership into groups – “New Parents,” “Seniors,” “Millenials”
5. How would she use this information?
 1. Connecting College students with local scholarships
 2. Want to get the word out to people with college bound high school seniors.

3. KATE

1. Just celebrated 50th Anniversary of the ___ for the use of urban space
2. They have a community garden serves 50 families, everyone gets their own plot and take care of common areas together. It’s on ___ between 128 and 129. Information is available with Kate.
3. They run a youth enrichment program for low income families.
4. Seven (7) Weeks
 1. 100% free, two meals a day, great educators from Columbia, CUNY, etc. Stellar educators.

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- 2. Not a summer camp – youth enrichment two field trips a week
- 3. STEM learning
- 4. Contact Kate w/ Questions
- 5. **Kate to put onto the Google Group and Email list so the word gets out**

4. Treasury Report – Katharina

- 1. This month our finances are looking good. We have \$2560 dollars in income over expenses. \$1000 is earmarked for the Grant. Will soon be spending on the tree guard.
- 2. 1,560 is left for the rest of the year
- 3. Looking at starting to allocate the funds.
- 4. Looking for people to join as members, you can see Katharina after the meetings. Swipe available if you want to pay by Credit Card.

5. Social Committee – Katharina

- 1. Spreading events out by the season
- 2. Spring Event – May 10th
 - 1. We will celebrate the surprise birthday for one of our beloved birthdays for someone on our block.
- 3. Summer Event – TBD
 - 1. Integrate with Harlem Grown
 - 2. Scale of event will depend on our Grant
- 4. Fall – October 11?
 - 1. October Fest themed event
 - 2. Flushing on the details
 - 3. Fun event for us all to come together
- 5. Winter - December 13 – Holiday Event
 - 1. Toy Drive for our two precincts

6. Sanitation/Beautification Committee – Sandy

- 1. \$1,000 Grant we received the check on that
 - 1. Planning on doing the tree-guard outside of the church
 - 2. Mulching and beautifying the area
 - 3. Getting Mulch for the whole block
- 2. May 21st will be the event – still trying to confirm, might be tight in terms of the design. If we can't do that date we will do early June.
- 3. Big event will be here for the tree in front plus a wider event for all of the Mulch
- 4. Trying to figure out locations for stuff
- 5. Love Your Neighborhood Grant must be a community wide effort.

7. Love Your Neighborhood Grant - Volunteers Needed! – Michael

- 1. If we do get the grant we are looking for Volunteers for this project
 - 1. If anyone has any time / inclination for this we are looking for folks who can come out

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8. TAL – LEGAL UPDATE

1. We started a year plus ago to try to get the property leased or sold to Harlem Grown.
2. We signed a lease w/ option to buy, now trying to transform into a sale of the property
3. Ran into issues with HPD who said it would be a lengthy approval process
4. New Supervisor put onto the file who said these things can take 6 months – 2 Years
5. Reached out to a number of officials
6. They have obtained the deed to the property
7. Now the tax liens & four (4) foreclosure actions
8. Reduced from \$210,000 to \$160,000.
9. Everything is great news.

9. WHITNEY AND RUBY

1. Tal has been amazing in obtaining the property for Harlem Grown
2. Couple updates and to come and say Hi. Nice to see everyone
 1. We had a community workshop back In March
 2. Taking feedback from the block and getting pro-bono help from an architect who will be working on this from 6-12 months depending on how long it takes to build the farm.

3. There will be a need for volunteers on the project

3. Upcoming Events

1. Earth Day on the 23rd
2. Focusing on 134 also a few others
3. 30th – compost giveaway, working w/ the NYC

Compost Project

1. Anyone can come to get free compost
2. Bring your own containers
4. Partnering with Art in FLUX, a Harlem Based Arts organization. They will be installing sculpture in the Park
5. Still waiting for master plan for the Layout

4. RUBY

1. Leaving flyers for the Compost Event, and other Events
2. Compost Event
3. Background in Science and loves Art Poetry, Beautiful things and in the garden all of that comes together food, astronomy, biology.
4. Gardening is about community
5. Has been a Farmer for 6 years
6. Is looking forward to hosting everyone in the garden, and wants everyone to work together to create something really amazing
7. You can connect with them on Facebook – they can ask you to vote

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8. In the running for a \$25,000 Grant for 127th Street.
 1. You can Vote for our Farm every day
 2. It will be on our E-blast
 3. Voting closes April 18th
9. April 25th – Can U Dig This movie will only cost \$15. Everyone on the block is invited, John Legend is the producer. Will have discussion afterward.
10. QUESTION: How is the Design? (
 1. Worked with City College, into a design workshop.
 1. Created Resource Map
 2. Thinking about which elements you want to see
 3. Group Collaboration
 2. There will be more opportunity to help build and plant
 11. Earth Day – Some sort of event on the Farm. Thinking about planting Sunflowers
 12. Need to get the Park Committee active, and spearheading meetings within the community
10. LenoxFive 127 St Yard Sale
 1. Michael was looking at other block associations and saw that there is a BA on 103rd Street has an annual Yard Sale. Thought it would be a good time to get rid of things that are Sellable, we can do something on the block to help raise money for the BA association,
 1. Looking at making that happen sometime in the Summer, or maybe at Harlem Grown
 2. Stoop Sale, maybe
11. Rev. Williams planning on doing a Car Wash this summer
12. Bake Sale Happening this Sunday at 4:00 PM
13. A building sold on the block #76
 1. Katie always writing to the city
 2. KP Developers from Flushing NY
 3. They have a phone number and email address
 4. Said they won't start working for 4 to 5 months. Also asked if he could rent electricity from her building?
14. Sign In Sheet

The next LenoxFive 127th Street Block Association meeting will be:

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

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