

# Hamilton Terrace Block Association

## Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019

Board Members Present: William Geddes, Harry Marte, Liz Wolfe, Laura King  
Quorum: Yes

### Proceedings

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by President William Geddes

### Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of the Jan 28, 2019 meeting are adopted.

### Reports of Officers

#### President's report

1. New board member appointees Harry Marte and Laura King are introduced
2. New neighborhood schools
  - a. 691 St. Nicholas Avenue (Neighborhood Charter School) is completed and will start programming in the summer. Gate egress on Hamilton Terrace will not be used.
  - b. Harlem School of the Arts vacant lot will be used for another new school called Harlem Academy. They are in the fundraising stage and we are not privy to architectural drawings.
3. Drug rehabilitation facilities in Harlem
  - a. Greater Harlem Coalition is a coalition of neighborhood block associations and faith based organizations that are pushing back on the proliferation of drug treatment facilities that have been placed in Harlem. Meetings are ongoing about these efforts.
  - b. More information will be disseminated via email.
4. Sidewalk repairs
  - a. Current information has this getting done by June 1.
5. Compost
  - a. Composting is available in our neighborhood. Request your own compost bin at <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/contact/organics-collection-application>
6. Beautify the Block Day
  - a. Beautify the Block day was a success! If you spent money to beautify the block you can request reimbursement from the treasurer.

#### Treasurer's report

1. 2018 year-end balance was \$3,532.18. Since Dec. \$6,075 has been deposited and expenses have been \$141.36. Balance is \$9,466.82.
2. Venmo and Zelle is still being investigated for dues and expenses payments. For now dues will be accepted by cash or credit card.

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## 3. Vote on budget

Item	Budgeted Amount
<i>Social/Neighborhood events</i>	
Hi Neighbor Day	\$750
Caroling Party	\$100
Other Social Events TBD	\$500
Halloween	\$500
Hospitality	\$200
Block Beautification Day	\$300
<i>Administration</i>	
Communication and administration	\$400
Mutt Mitts	\$900
Christmas/Hanukah decorations	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$350
CAC donations	\$600
Total	<b>\$4,800</b>

Derek Johnson moves to approve the 2019 budget. Liz Wolfe seconds. Motion passes.

## Old Business

### Hi Neighbor Day

Proposed date of Saturday Sept. 21 is discussed.

Liz Wolfe moves to have Hi Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 21. Harry Marte seconds. Motion passes with one abstention.

### Filming on the block

Concerns continue to be voiced that we are not getting enough money as a donation for the block association from the movie company. The association will continue to work with production companies to maximize donations by suggesting a donation of \$5K, understanding that this can only be a suggestion and not a demand.

## New Business

### Security concerns

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Can the police do more rounds? Note to invite police to come to next meeting to address concerns.

There is a meeting on Wednesday, May 29, at 5:30 PM at the Hamilton Grange Public Library Community Room (503 West 145<sup>th</sup> Street) sponsored by the NYPD to identify policing and public safety needs in our community. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.

### **Tree pits and planting**

Neighbors can use this link to request trees to be planted in open tree pits: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/trees/street-tree-planting/request> A request has been placed for the open pit in front of #53.

### **Holiday decorations and lights**

Discussion of next holiday season to put a Christmas tree and Hanukah lights up for display. Volunteers requested to coordinate.