

Hamilton Terrace Block Association Meeting Minutes

August 22, 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 April 30, 2019 meeting are adopted.

Reports of Officers

President's report

Neighborhood Coordination Officers Kim and Glickman from the 30th Precinct (West 141 through and 148 St.) There will be a "Build the Block" neighborhood Policing and Safety Meeting on Thursday, August 29, at 6:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 PM for refreshments. Officers Glickman and Kim were generous with their time to answer our questions and welcome anyone to contact the precinct at 212-690-8811, x0. We also gave our email address to them to be added to their email list.

Security Cameras update

We previously had applied for a grant which has not materialized. We are researching two options. One is that the city could install a camera, though this is not monitored, is expensive, and not likely to be approved due to low crime in our area. The other option is to have a camera installed on private homes. We would also have to pass Landmarks and get a permit. We are currently soliciting bids.

Recent vandalism

Someone knocked the decorative balls from the tree pit guards along the upper portion of Hamilton Terrace. Officers Glickman and Kim suggested we call 911 or the precinct directly at 212-690-8811 x0 to report any vandalism.

Sidewalk repairs update

They are returning but no definite date yet.

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Treasurer's report

Balance

2018 year-end balance was \$3,532.18.

April 30, 2019 balance was \$9,466.82.

August 22, 2019 balance is \$18,084.92.

Deposits:

\$8,885 (Donations from film/TV productions and block association membership dues)

Expenses:

\$40.92 (reimbursement for Beautify the Block Day refreshments)

Film Production income:

Feb. 7, 2019 \$3,000

Apr. 26, 2019 \$2,000

Apr. 26, 2019 \$1,000

July 3, 2019 \$1,000 Pose (Still Life)

July 10, 2019 \$3,500 God Friended Me

July 12, 2019 \$1,500 Post (Still Life)

Aug. 6, 2019 \$2,000 Pose (Still Life) + parking vouchers

Aug. 22, 2019 \$500 FYOV

8 film shoots this year totaling \$14,500

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Vote of amendment to budget to include charity

Item	Budgeted Amount
Social/Neighborhood events	
Hi Neighbor Day	\$750
Caroling Party	\$100
Other Social Events TBD	\$500
Halloween	\$500
Hospitality	\$200
Block Beautification Day	\$300
Administration	
Communication and administration	\$400
Mutt Mitts	\$900
Christmas/Hanukah Decorations	\$200
Miscellaneous	\$350
CAC donations	\$600
Other charitable donations	\$500
Total	\$5,300

Liz Wolfe moves to amend the 2019 budget to include Other Charitable Donations in the amount of \$500. Harry Marte seconds. Motion passes.

Liz Wolfe moves to use \$100 of the proposed amended budget amount of charitable giving to a local school organization for school supplies. Harry Marte seconds. Motion passes.

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Old Business

Hi Neighbor Day

Date for Hi Neighbor Day will be Sept. 21.

Volunteers are needed for four areas:

- Setup
- Breakdown
- Entertainment
- Activities

Lenny Heyward will ask about borrowing chairs and tables from Convent Ave. Baptist Church.

Harry Marte will look into inflatable bouncy castles for rent.

If anyone is willing to volunteer, please email board@hamilton-terrace.nyc.

Filming on the block

The board has put significant effort into coordinating with the production companies to get donations by building relationships and making requests. They want to work with us as best as they can given their budgets. We have requested more advanced notice about the productions. Laura King is reaching out to the companies to find out how they plan to structure the filming. We are creating a check list as a memorandum of understanding and then doing a walk through afterward to make sure everything is cleaned up properly.

CB9 has taken up this issue because there have been a lot of complaints in the area. They have sent a letter requesting a moratorium until certain issues are addressed.

New Business

No new business.