

FFDC General Meeting
April 15, 2021

Call to order/opening remarks:

- One year and one month since we first went virtual
- Thank you ALL for joining us this way
- We can't wait to celebrate together
- We'll be having an Education forum tonight, thank you Education committee!
- Where are our new friends?! Introduce yourself in the chat- when we get back in person we'll have you say hi, too

Invitation to Join Unconscious Bias Training Offered by the FFDC

- We are a predominantly white club, in a predominantly white neighborhood... this is why it's our responsibility to hold space for these kinds of trainings
- Antonia del Rosario: facilitator
 - o He talks about his first time engaging with FFDC, feeling like there wasn't anyone to
- 2-Part Training on May 3rd and May 10th, 7:30-10pm each day. FREE OF CHARGE, but we will need to change the dates! We'll do that and let everyone know the new dates soon
 - o Someone asked if there is a certificate available

Kim Moscaritolo for City Council Volunteer Opportunities

- There's a lot going on since the last meeting!
- Great endorsements including Sen. Krueger and Asm Seawright, Indivisible UES,
- Great opportunities!
 - o Building captains
 - o Virtual or outdoor meet and greets
- Valentina- campaign manager!
 - o Setting up a dialer system
 - o Community clean up THIS SUNDAY at 12pm! bit.ly/teamkim2021
 - o Email Val if you'd like to help/support: Connell.Valentina@gmail.com

Invitation to Small Dollar Fundraiser

- May 10th!
- Virtual beer tasting event (hopefully last virtual fundraiser!)
- If you joined the wine tasting last fall, it's similar
- \$50, 5 beers delivered to you!
- Event run by Vinyl Beer, local shop on 96th and Lex, beers will be mostly NY centric
- [Link is live](#) on the website!

Resolution to Support Permanent, Protected Crosstown Bike Lanes on East 60th, East 61st, and East 62nd Streets (attached)

- This is about climate justice AND safety
- Calls for genuinely protected bike lanes, not "protected" by parked cars
- Motion to adopt by Jerry, Jordan seconds
- Debate

- Kim asks: making bike lane permanent- any physical changes? Finally green paint down, some slight differences, and implement some changes to the road infrastructure
- Jordan supports!
- Lori was at the meeting where it was discussed (CB8). Wants to know how this will be relayed to CB8
 - Billy and Jerry talked about it. Billy can't really present it but assuming it passes, Jerry will sign up to speak on behalf of FFDC
- We WILL be having a broader meeting discussion in the future about safety at large
- Debate closed and moved to a vote
 - Motion passes unanimously

Resolution to Protect the Independence of the Justice Department and to Make Public the Results of Investigations into the Trump Administration

- Presented by Finn
- We want rules to ensure the DOJ REMAINS independent and it's not just an informal precedent that the president observes. We clearly need hard and fast rules
- Motion unanimously carries

Invitation to Bike Maintenance Event

- This Saturday, the 17th at 12pm
- This is for anyone and everyone of all levels!
- Jordan is hosting, he's been fixing bikes for 10 years now
- 10 spots only
- [Sign up here](#)
- There will also be a meet-up next month to learn how to bike safely in the city—May 22nd!

Return to School Forum

- Most students have been attending schools remotely, and while there are headlines about students returning, most are not
- The panel will not provide all answers, but really trying to raise some of the key issues with reopening the schools so you can be educated on them
- Speakers:
 - Randy Levine, director of policy at Advocates for Children
 - Ben Kallos, City Councilmember
 - Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez
 - Tia Henry, Parent in school district 2
- No schools have been shut down for the first time since the pandemic started!
- Funding does not equal seats! We need to get the classrooms "built"
- Advocates for Children:
 - Education Helpline: 866-427-6033 (Monday-Thursday, 10am-4pm)
 - www.advocatesforchildren.org
 - @AFCNewYork
 - Policy papers:
 - <https://www.advocatesforchildren.org/node/1761>
 - <https://www.advocatesforchildren.org/node/1741>
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