

LAND USE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2014

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Steve Simon
Jason Miller
Osi Kaminer

Committee Members Absent

Isaiah Bing (excused)
Tamara Rivera (excused)
Arlene Schulman

Board Members Present

Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Public Member Absent

Staff: Debra Blow

Guests: Josar Davis-Dacii, Debra Klaber

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") Chair Wayne Benjamin began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests. He stated that the laptop and projector were not set up; therefore the overview of the Land Use 101 presentation scheduled for tonight's meeting will be rescheduled to the November Land Use meeting.
2. The Committee discussed the FY 16 Expense and Capital Budget priorities for Community Board 12-Manhattan ("CB12M"). The Committee did not have any Capital Budget priorities to recommend. It discussed and continues to support, for FY16, the Expense Budget priority it recommended for the FY 15 budget but revised it to read as follows:

"The Department of City Planning should hire more professional planning staff to work with CB12M to formulate and implement a contextual rezoning plan for Washington Heights-Inwood."

The Committee also discussed and agreed to propose a new Expense Budget item for FY 16 as follows:

"The Department of Housing Preservation and Development should implement a neighborhood planning initiative for Washington Heights-Inwood whereby city-owned lots and vacant buildings are identified and made the subject of a scattered-site request for proposals and allocate City capital funds to these sites to facilitate infill development of affordable housing."

3. Ms. Klaber, a community resident, inquired about activity (soil borings) at one of the sites (the southeast corner of Broadway and Fairview Avenue) Quadriad proposed for its Tryon Center project. Committee members advised that the site was purchased by HAP, a private developer, which is undertaking an eight-story, 98-unit market rate development.
4. After further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin