

## Chairs Report

December 2011

Discussions were held with HPD regarding the Hamilton Heights Development group and the need to facilitate the closing on their property.

Also requested that HPD inform the housing committee of projects that are pending in CB9 and work closer with the housing committee to ensure that projects do not fall in to dis-repair and/or tax difficulties.

**Meetings:** Numerous meetings with the 125<sup>th</sup> BID for the "holiday lights" program as well as institutions, businesses and churches to seek underwriting of the actual lights. CB9 was so successful that a pole light was placed at Bway and 125<sup>th</sup> with CB9 in lights.

Assembly representatives and Senate representatives were met with to garner support and remind them of the need to stand with the Community Board in its efforts to bring equity to the Manhattanville expansion.

The Institute of Technology's new director discussed possibilities regarding training of local residents, and their participation in the Youth Expo (as well as several block associations and tenant organizations).

St. John Devine with 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair regarding proposed development (Landmarks will report further). Extensive discussion held regarding land marking, transparency, hiring policy and use of local businesses for materials.

Harlem Historical Society meetings held to plot out the activities and collaboration surrounding the naming of the Dorothy Manor Way (St. Nicholas Ave between 145<sup>th</sup> and 141 streets).

Numerous meetings with development groups and consultant firms who successfully constructed properties in Harlem and used local residents to fill trade and labor positions.

Assisting local agencies to develop advocacy for Seniors

Events Attended: Conference "Rezoning the City".

New York Book Fair

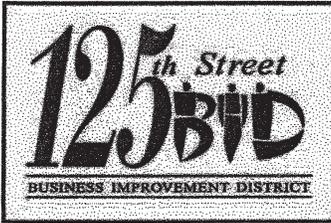
Fundraiser for Holiday Lights

Freedom Sisters Luncheon

Luncheon "First Ladies of Harlem"

Respectfully submitted

Rev. G. Morgan-Thomas



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December 7, 2011

Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas  
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Dear Reverend Thomas,

On behalf of the 125<sup>th</sup> Street Business Improvement District, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for your participation in the "Harlem Holiday Lights" 2011 program.

We are ecstatic that for a second year in a row, the 125<sup>th</sup> Street Business Improvement District and Community Boards 9, 10 & 11 and the new York City Housing Authority partnered in the "Harlem Holiday Lights" program. Thanks to the "Harlem Holiday Lights" 2011 Partners, 125<sup>th</sup> Street is now lit up from river to river and will remain illuminated for the entire holiday season. We would like to especially thank Reverend Georgiette Morgan-Thomas for all of her hard work, support and dedication toward this project. We thank you for working diligently to coordinate the local church choirs, gain interest, obtain commitments, create street activity, bring support from local businesses gather an audience and much more.

The lighting event on November 21<sup>st</sup> was a great success, due in large part to the Community Board's involvement. We highly value your assistance with the planning, coordination and implementation of this year's event. We at the 125<sup>th</sup> Street BID are extremely appreciative of your efforts.

Over 800 people attended the lighting event and received the event program with your name displayed as a "Harlem Holiday Lights" 2011 committee member. Please visit [www.125thstreetbid.com](http://www.125thstreetbid.com) next week to view photos of the "Harlem Holiday Lights" 2011 event.

Thank you again for your support. We look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Barbara Askins,  
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Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Chair

Eutha Prince, District Manager

December 6, 2011

**Dear Community Member,**

We have been informed by the New York City Department of City Planning that the Environmental Assessment Statement and Draft Scope of Work relating to the West Harlem Rezoning Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) will be issued on or around December 12, 2011. Further the West Harlem Rezoning EIS Public Scoping Meeting will be scheduled for the last week of January 2012.

In anticipation of this Public Scoping Meeting, Community Board 9 Manhattan (“CB9”) will conduct the following public information sessions to enable the Department of City Planning (“DCP”) to explain the rationale for the rezoning of West Harlem and details of the proposed rezoning and of the study framework that will be used to analyze the potential environmental impacts of such rezoning. The purpose of these sessions is to inform the community, as well as enable the community to respond to the proposed rezoning, raise questions, and request additional assessments and studies at the Public Scoping Meeting in January.

**Schedule of Meetings (all meetings begin at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted):**

**Thursday, December 15      CB9 General Board Meeting**

Location: Fortune Society, 630 Riverside Drive

- DCP to provide overview of rezoning proposal, the Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) and the Draft Scope of Work to the EIS

**Monday, December 19      CB9 Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting**

Location: Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive

- DCP to lead detailed discussion of EAS and Draft Scope of Work and provide overview of the specific analyses associated with the EIS

**Saturday, January 7**

**Town Hall Meeting at 10:00 A.M.**

Location: TO BE DETERMINED

- DCP to lead detailed discussion of Proposed West Harlem Rezoning

**Tuesday, January 17**

**CB9 Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting**

Location: Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive

- DCP to address questions and comments that arise from 12/19 session and 1/7 Town Hall

**Thursday, January 26**

**West Harlem Rezoning EIS Public Scoping Meeting**

Location: The Harlem Stage Gatehouse, 150 Convent Avenue at West 135<sup>th</sup> Street

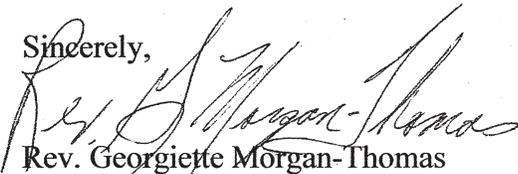
- Afternoon Session begins at 2:00 P.M.
- Evening Session begins at 6:00 P.M.

On December 12<sup>th</sup> the following documents will be available for DOWNLOAD as PDF on the DCP website:

- Scoping Notice: A notification of the time and place of the Scoping Meeting to be held within 45 days
- Draft Scope of Work: Provides a description of the Proposed Action and identifies in detail all topics to be addressed in the EIS, including the methods of study
- EAS: Contains the first level of environmental analysis to determine potential effects on the environment
- Scoping Protocol: Guidelines for the procedure of the Scoping Meeting

Manhattan Community Board 9 believes this is an important opportunity for the community to gain more information regarding the future of West Harlem.

Sincerely,



Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas  
Chair