

CHAIRMAN REPORT

NYEDC

Seth Pensky, President of the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) made a presentation at the March Executive Committee Meeting. Mr. Pensky discussed a number of projects that are on the horizon in west Harlem including the Citarella site. As many of you know, the CB has been in discussions as to what level of participation we will have in the selection of a Developer for the project. EDC made a commitment that the CB would have significant input in the project moving forward. I will be naming a small committee to work with EDC on a weekly basis as the project moves forward. Please let me know if you are interested.

EDC has no immediate plans on the Marine Transfer Station but is open to working with CB to come up with a solution.

FACEBOOK/ CB9 WEB PAGE

This month CB 9 made a commitment to turn its Facebook page into a dynamic real time portal for information on CB 9 and West Harlem. Please check it out and email the link out to as many contacts as possible. We have already seen a dramatic increase in traffic. Please help us keep it growing.

The new CB 9 website is in the final stages of development and should be ready for unveiling soon. The early word is that CB 9 will have the best CB website in Manhattan. Thanks to everyone that has worked on this project.

NEW OFFICE SPACE

Walter South has done an incredible job of keeping the city focused on approving new office space on West 127th between Amsterdam and Morningside. We have received proposed architectural drawings on the space. I have asked our member architects, and the DM to work with Walter to review and respond to the city. We are shooting to have new space by September 2011. If you have any questions please contact Walter.

WATERFRONT 20/20

The Mayor unveiled the City's new Waterfront Master Plan this week. You can review it at City Planning Homepage. There are some projects listed for CB 9, but they are not as ambitious as the Chair Of Parks and I had hoped for.

STATE AND CITY BUDGET

As everyone knows the new fiscal state budget is being debated in Albany. The Chairs Of Community Boards 9, 10, 11, and 12 are drafting a letter to the Governor respectfully requesting that he reconsider drastic cuts to the Safety Net that so many of our residents depend on. The plan is for the four of us to drive to Albany to deliver the letter personally to the Governor.

Additionally, the Upper Manhattan CB Chairs also are planning on how to address the City on the closing of Senior Centers through out our districts. We take the position that is unacceptable. You will be hearing more information.