

Community Board 9 Manhattan

Chairs Report

April 19, 2012

Represented CB9: At the Dominican Independence Celebration
At the Borough Presidents Trailblazer Awards
At Speaker Quinn's Women Faith Leaders Breakfast
At Harlem Hospital forum
At Fundraiser for Bway Housing

Spoke on behalf of CB9 at the tree planting ceremony for Wangari Muta Maathi. 1st African Women to receive a Nobel Prize for her contribution to sustainable development, democracy and peace. She was a Professor of Anatomy at Columbia University and founder of the Green Belt Movement.

Participated in CB9 budget forum and assisted in completion of CB9 annual report. The District Manager, Treasurer and Asst. Treasurer are to be commented for the effort put forth in preparing the documents for the budget and the hearing.

Meetings held with community residents regarding working of Community Boards. Met with Ellen Baxter regarding WMBE process and possible training program that Bway Housing is considering. Further exploration is needed and they will present to our board when and if they decide to develop a program.

Meeting held with Commissioner Castor of NYC Parks, Steve Simon, Borough Presidents office, Senator Perkins office and Friends of Morningside Park, to discuss the issue with bar-b-queing in Morningside Park. It is our hope to be proactive and prevent division of the community around this issue. We have agreed to set up an ongoing meeting with stakeholders of that area to develop a plan that everyone can live with. The Parks Dept. have created new signs and are developing new methods to make the experience a better one.

Meeting at Councilwoman Inez Dickens office; the manner in which the board is utilizing the funds given us is acceptable and appropriate.

Meetings with the M.L. Wilson Boys and Girls Club to continue dialogue regarding the development of the site as well ways in which additional funding might be acquired.

Met with Jimmy Yan, Counsel for Borough President, He conferred with the NYC Law Department and informed that the Board accepted the action of the executive board when the Chair's report was given accepted at the January meeting and that any action taken afterward was incorrect and inappropriate. During General Board meeting this issue will be discussed and Board members will determine action based on all of the facts.