

Community Board 9 Manhattan
Chairs Report
October 18, 2012

Multiple discussions and communications with the Dept. of Parks to move forward the repair of the stairs leading from Riverside Dr. to Tiemann Pl. and St. Claire Park.

Participated in a walk through for the scope of work on behalf of the Chair of Landmarks/Parks Committee. \$650,000.00 has been given by Councilwoman Inez Dickens to complete the work. An additional \$300,000.00 is being allocated by Borough President Scott Stringer. There will be a full presentation at the November General Board meeting.

Spoke on behalf of Community Board 9 at the Ribbon Cutting ceremony for the Teachers College Community school, which was a stirring and inspiring event.

Participated in the development of a video that details the collaboration which made the school a reality, for the Teachers College Community School the video was previewed at the ribbon cutting.

Multiple discussions with Teachers College and Parents of the Teachers College Community School around regarding the discontinuing of daily after school programming.

TCCS indicated that there was only enough funding for Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school programming. After several conversations and meetings TCCS has been able to put a plan in place to provide five day after school being in November. \$50,000.00 is needed to ensure the after school programming (Health Literacy and piano lessons) for Kindergarten.

Multiple discussions and meetings surrounding the 134th street gas meter station. Williams Transco seeks to make upgrades to existing pipeline and renovate the station building. Discussions have entailed history, safety, design and crisis management.

Ongoing meetings and conversations with minority construction owners, General Contractors and Architects, regarding workforce development. How to facilitate CB9 residents inclusion on projects in positions other than labor i.e. engineering, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, interior design, legal etc.

Met with Ellen Baxter of B'Way Housing regarding issues surrounding the construction site of the Sugar Hill Project. Drilling was discontinued during the evening and she met with the contractor and established a plan which would allow them to meet their deadline while ending the noise pollution during the evening and night. They still have permits to drill 12 hours a day but indicated only in an emergency situation would they drill after 6pm.

Attended Hispanic Heritage celebration Bianca Perez was Honoree. Bianca continues to facilitate access to legal services for the poor and scholarships opportunities through her leadership of the Dominican Bar Association.

Meeting with Robert Jackson re: West Harlem re zoning

Discussions with Michelle Moore DEC and electeds regarding the North River settlement. Presentation scheduled for GB mtg.

Several meetings attended to discuss the re-drawing of Council district lines. Statement given at hearing on re-districting indicating that there needs to be additional work and another map reflecting the input of the people presented to the districts before anything can be settled.

1st Vice chair represented for me at the bus service forum regarding the bus service on 125th street, and attended several follow up meetings with Senator Perkins ofc.

Attended the following events:

40th anniversary for Rev. John L. Scott

Art Exhibit of the Historical Negro league

Savor the season: great success

PS 186 Several meetings with S. Lewis and conversations with the BP's office. Deed Restriction signed.

The Deed restriction is completed BP gave additional 1 mill (Jackson 2mil)

Housing breakdown: 70% affordable 30% market

HPD signed contract with B&G club for subsidy

9% tax credit documents signed

The Exc. Director moved on to a better opportunity, they have a final candidate and will be making an offer.

Meetings attended regarding Holiday lights as well as conversations with possible sponsors for the lights.

Respectfully Submitted by,



Rev. Georgette Morgan-Thomas

Chair