

***Harlem Piers, Waterfront, &
Economic Development Committee
January 4th, 2005 Minutes***

Updates:

The Board received a letter from NYC Economic Development informing us that they had given a lease to Fairway for a small portion of land on 12th Avenue. They also indicated when that they are considering putting earmarking these funds for support of the Harlem Piers.

To date, we have not had an update as to where Citarella is in their talks with EDC regarding their plans for the bulk of the Taystee Bread Factory property on 126th Street. We expect to have an update at our February meeting.

Scenic By-Way Presentation:

Ms. Hilary Kitasei from the Henry Hudson Scenic By-Way informed the chair of the committee that she had sent the questions and concerns expressed at the December meeting to the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC). NYMTC is the agency that will be developing the corridor management plan for the Henry Hudson Parkway. They responded on December 22, 2004 and a copy of their response is attached.

NYMTC sent two representatives to the meeting to share information and answer questions regarding the Scenic By-Way in general, and the specific effects of the By-Way in our area.

Currently there is no Scenic By-Way in New York City. There are plans to have the By-Way extend from Yonkers to the tip of Manhattan. Boards 12 and 7 were already contacted but Board 9 had not been contacted until now. The final decision on how monies are spent and on what is determined by NYMTC. They are required to set-up a "stakeholders" committee that would include local communities and local community boards. They are currently preparing a RFP for the management plan that should be released in April of 2005.

It was strongly stated that members of this community actively participate in this kind of venture and wanted to make it clear that they wanted their concerns, suggestions and desires seriously considered by the powers that be. ***We want inclusion not illusion!***

Representatives from NYMTC will attend our March meeting to update us and to discuss the RFP being readied for April release.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 1st, 2005