

**Waterfront & Economic Development Committee  
Manhattan Community Board Nine**

Savona Bailey-McClain, Committee Co-Chair, Eileen Merritt, Committee Co-Chair  
Jane Arrendell, Vicky Gholson, Ph.D., Norma Ramos,  
Linda Walton, Ernestine Welch, Board Members  
Tony Bruno, John Colon, Maritta Dunn, Mark Irgang, Hamlet Peralta,  
Rommel Macasaet, Pedro Veras, Public Members

Minutes  
June 3, 2008

*Present*                 *Savona Bailey-McClain, Eileen Merritt, Vicky Gholson, Ph.D., Norma Ramos, Ernestine Welch, Maritta Dunn, Mark Irgang*

*Absent*                 *Jane Arrendell, Linda Walton*

*Bd Members*        *Pat Jones, Diane Wilson, Christa Giesecke*

*Guest*                 *Len Greco, NYCEDC, Kate Van Tassel, NYCEDC, Cecil Corbin-Marks, WEACT James Sudha, WEACT, Peggy Shepard, Seth Blinsky, New York Sun Works, Jim Dowell, Riverside Park Fund*

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The Committee Chair acknowledged everyone who attended the May meeting at the Piers. There were several public members that attended as well or other board members.

**Presentations**

NY Sun works made a short presentation about their Science Barge. Materials were distributed as they explained their program. The committee requested that NY Sun Works come to the piers in the fall instead and that they reach out to local school children in CB9. Under those conditions, the committee approved the project for only this year. After an evaluation of the fall program, NY Sun Works will come back to the committee to discuss any future dates.

Len Greco shared the problems at the Piers. They are waiting on Con Edison and DEP to provide lighting and water. He stated that hopefully the work on the upland would be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Temporary funding will go into the park until the railings are complete. A tentative target date is August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Kate van Tassel shared that the selection process for an excursion boat operator is progressing. They hope to perform some launches in August. Water taxi services will be notified that they come to our piers.

## **Marine Transfer Station Proposals**

WEACT presented an overview of work they have done in the past and offered to partner with the board on a charette for the Marine Transfer Station. There was a healthy round of discussion and questions regarding such a partnership. It was decided that we would wait until September to give community organizations and businesses an opportunity to submit proposals.

Vicky Gholson presented a concept for production facilities –mini Silvercup at the Marine Transfer Station. It could be coupled with a restaurant as well to make it a tourist attraction. Dr. Gholson stated that she reached out to the Office of Film and Television to pitch her idea and that she has interested parties as well.

Adjournment at 850 p.m.