

Economic Development Committee

Manhattan Community Board Nine

Serving the West Harlem communities of Morningside, Manhattanville, Hamilton Heights and Sugar Hill

Committee Chair: Carmen Morillo

Committee Members: Quenia Abreu, Arnold Boatner, Mark Fei, Rodley Ferguson, Jamaal Nelson

Public Members: Mark Irgang, Evelyn Maier

OCTOBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order:** at 6:50pm on Tuesday October 2nd 2012 @ Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10031
- II. Attendance:** Present Committee Members- C. Morillo; A. Boatner; Q. Abreu; M. Fei; R. Ferguson; J. Nelson
Present Board Members- Harriet Rosebud
Present Guests – Jully Merino (Project Coordinator @ CU Office of Government and Community Affairs #212-851-7719, jem2245@columbia.edu)
- III. Approval of the Agenda:** First Motion - Q. Abreu
Second Motion – A. Boatner
- IV. Approval of the Minutes:** First Motion – R. Ferguson
Second Motion – A. Boatner
- V. Announcements / Presentations**
 - a. Committee Assignments**
 - Welcomed new members to the committee - Quenia Abreu, Mark Fei, Rodley Ferguson
 - Harriet Rosebud had not been resigned to the committee but wishes to rejoin and will formally place a request with Chair Rev. Morgan-Thomas
 - b. Press Release #153-2012 NYC Council: 5 Measures to Help Small Business**
 - 1# Identification of violations for which businesses should receive a warning or opportunity to cure the violation instead of an automatic penalty or fine. 2# Elimination of obsolete violations. #3 Streamlining of regulatory processes; Simplification of the Place of Assembly permitting process. 4# Standardization of customer service training for all agency inspectors. 5# Designation of agency liaisons to serve as points-of-contact with chambers of commerce and industry groups.
 - Q. Abreu will keep the committee posted on this matter
- VI. Updates on Projects:** a brief presentation on each of the projects was given to the new members (see previous months minutes for project summary). The committee agreed on a proposal template. Each member volunteered to spearhead and do the research on a project. The committee agreed to present a draft proposal for their respective project by the next meeting.
 - a. CBA and Economic Development-** Carmen Morillo

- b. West Harlem Business Association- Carmen Morillo
- c. Union and Contractors Workshops- Quenia Abreu
- d. Youth Forestry Program- voted to pass this project on to the Youth Education and Libraries Committee
- e. Survey of underdeveloped areas- Arnold Boatner
- f. Boat Tours from the West Harlem Piers- Marco Fei
- g. Events/Activities on the West Harlem Piers- Harriet Rosebud
- h. Reopen Amtrak Station on West 125th Street- Rodley Ferguson

VII. Action Item

- a. Minutes / Recorder
 - The committee agree to allow Carmen Morillo to continue to write the minutes until further notice
- b. District Needs - Committee Goals and Priorities – Committee Projects
 - Members were provided with copies of the Needs statement. The committee decided to table the discuss till December 2012

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

- X. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ 9:20pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 2012 @ 6:30pm at Board Office 16-18 Old Broadway.