

Economic Development and West Harlem Piers 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, James Archer, Arnold Boatner, Marco Fei, Rodley Fergerson

Monthly Meeting

583 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10027

Tuesday, June 4th, 2013

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order:** 6:45pm
- II. Attendance:** Quorum
PRESENT Committee members – Q. Abreu, J. Archer, A. Boatner, M. Fei
[LOA- R. Fergerson]
PRESENT Board Members – Chair Rev. Morgan Thomas
PRESENT Guest – Ashley Dennis, EDC; Savona Bailey, WHAF; Harrison Peck, DockNYC; Paul Goodman, DockNYC; Louis Kleinman, DockNYC; Trinidad Reyes, CU Kenneth Cole Fellow;
PRESENT visitors – Barry Weinberg, Michael Wells
- III. Approval of the Agenda:** Adopted 1st GMT ; 2nd AB
- IV. Approval of the Minutes:** Approved 1st AB ; 2nd GMT
- V. Announcements**
- a. 3595 Broadway – Construction Updates
 - Demolition is substantially complete
 - Waterproof existing adjacent properties
 - Complete parging (cement coating) of adjacent buildings
 - Small machinery on site
 - Parking lane closures around the project site
 - b. Contracting and Job opportunities in the Construction Industry- June 26
 - Learn about Procurement Contracts and Job opportunities in the Construction Industry
 - Hosted by the NY Women’s Chamber of Commerce & Community Board 9 In Partnership with NYCHA, Office of Council Members Ynez Dickens & Robert Jackson & NYCHA
 - Invited Agencies: NYCHA and their Primes, Columbia University, Hunter Roberts, Skanska, Broadway Housing, West Harlem Group Assistance, Lend Lease, Mckissack, Strive, Local 79, Helmets to Hardhats, NEW, Construction Skills, & more
 - From 8:30am to 11:30am at the Fortune Society

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- c. Lighting design installation by The West Harlem Art Fund – The West Harlem Art Fund has partnered with artist Bentley Meeker, one of the country's leading lighting designers to produce The "H" in Harlem. This public art installation will hang under the 12th Avenue viaduct on West 125th Street this July. The "H" is comprised of LED lighting, aluminum truss steel and copper cable. According to artist Bentley Meeker, "The purpose of the lighting installation is to create a singular attraction for the far west waterfront and to give entry to the corridor under the viaduct a focal point, and to welcome pedestrians and vehicular traffic to the area. I anticipate it becoming something of an attraction which will draw local residents, people from the outer boroughs, upper and lower Manhattan and all of the surrounding metropolitan area to this particular spot."
- d. WHDC 2013 cycle 2 pre-grant application deadline- June 3rd

VI. Presentations

DockNYC- Paul Goodman, EDC; Donald Liloia, EDC; Ashley Dennis, EDC - BillyBey and Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance's involvement will enable streamlining of licensing, and other administrative functions in order to activate the waterfront and provide greater potential for more local economic development and programming. BillyBey Marina Services, LLC was selected as the operator for the EDCs berthing sites and will be responsible for operating West Harlem Piers, which it will do under the name DockNYC. BillyBey's responsibilities will include, managing, maintaining, licensing and marketing, the multiple berthing facilities. As an experienced ferry and marine facilities operator – including operations of the East River Ferry and World Financial Center ferry terminal – BillyBey will bring expertise to this area.

VII. Updates on Projects: review project proposals and discuss next steps

- a. CBA and Economic Development – C. Morillo: CM attended a meeting with GMT and CU to discuss Manhattanville site and workforce initiatives. All agree additional meetings are necessary with all the stakeholders including CB9, CU, WHDC, & ESDC. We hope to have this meeting in July. CM is also working with the strategic planning committee to plan a meeting with the WHDC to discuss the list of concerns previously compiled from the committees.
- b. West Harlem Business Association – C. Morillo TABLED
- c. Union and Contractors Workshops – Q. Abreu Event will be held on June 26th see above under announcements for more info
- d. Survey of underdeveloped areas – A. Boatner: Trinidad Reyes was brief on the project. More info to follow via email.
- e. Boat Tours from the West Harlem Piers – M. Fei : Discussion combined with DockNYC's presentation
- f. Reopen Amtrak Station on West 125th Street – R. Ferguson [LOA]
 - In RF absences, GMT would like to follow up with the National Rail Association concerning this project.

VIII. Action Item NONE

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IX. Old Business

- a. 125th street streetscaping project – (EDC do a full presentation in September)
In 2005, NYCEDC started an extensive design process to advance this stage of the West Harlem Master Plan, working in close partnership with Community Board 9. The result is the W125th Streetscape and Intermodal Improvements project, which will complement and build upon the work at WHPP. The project will improve the neighborhood's connection to WHPP, enhance the area's streetscape for the benefit and safety of pedestrians, and strengthen the connections among the different transportation modes present in the area. Construction of this project will start this year. Specifically, the project will include:
 - Widened sidewalks and new roadway alignments, crosswalks, and other traffic-calming measures
 - Street trees and plantings
 - Street and pedestrian lights
 - Street furniture such as benches, bus stops, bike racks, trash cans, and an automated public toilet
 - Rehabilitated historic rail tracks and cobblestones in targeted locations
 - Artistic lighting under the IRT line viaduct at W125th Street and Broadway and the 12th Avenue viaduct at W125th Street
- b. Request for minor funding and interns to assist with projects – Trinidad Reyes will be assisting A. Boatner with his project on the survey of vacant lots and properties within West Harlem.

X. New Business

- a. City of Water Day/ In Your Neighborhood – Free @ West Harlem Piers 10am to 4pm - City of Water Day is the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance's way to bring together everything about the water that is exciting and fun, from port commerce to environmental education to active recreation. The event is a celebration of the potential of the waterfront. Find out more about MWA, City of Water Day, and other related information through their site.

XI. Adjournment: 8:55pm 1st QA; 2nd AB

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