

## CB 9 Economic Development-Harlem Piers Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2015

Committee members in attendance: Arnold Boatner (chair), James Archer, Nick Smith

Quenia Abreu-excused

Called to Order: 7:02pm

Adopted Agenda

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### UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

- 1) Update on presentation by Scott Metzner of Janus Properties given at December meeting. Janus is the developer of several buildings in the Manhattanville Factory District. Metzner gave an historic overview of the properties his company has developed over the years starting with the Mink Building in 1998. The latest development is the Taystee Building which is the former site of the Taystee Bakery. The site is being developed by co-developers Janus and Monadnock Construction. It will be a 300,000 square foot Class A LEED-certified, state of the art building. The Mink Building and the Sweets Building are 100% complete and full.

There was considerable discussion regarding gentrification and the role of developers in accelerating rising housing costs. All affordable housing developments have a sunset date when housing subsidies expire. Discussion also centered on the availability of city owned properties and how many are left and the lack of opportunities to acquire affordable properties. James Archer proposed drafting a resolution in support of increasing efforts to aid long-time homeowners/property owners in their efforts to keep their properties in light of rising property assessments and taxes.

Meeting adjourned 7:40pm