

Community Board 9M
565 Broadway
New York City, NY 10027

October Executive Board Minutes

Date: October 12, 2006

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Board Office

The meeting of the Executive Board acting for the Full Board was called to attention by Chair Jordi Reyes Montblanc [JRM] at 6:40 as there was no quorum

Reports:

Chair: JRM

Drew attention to the Goldman Field closure

Noted that the local teams must be taken care of first

Drew attention to Bill Perkins

Introduced Michael Kent a Planner intern will be here til May

Treasurer: B Marshall

Sick

No report

Assistant Treasurer: excused as she had to attend an annual not for profit meeting

DM report: L. McClean

Reminded Board of the lack of plans were there to be an incident in the Columbia Manhattanville campus. Noted that OEM had no plans; Committees should be working on this

At 6:50, there was a quorum and so the meeting was called to order

The roll was called, TK called the roll of those listed as officers or chairpersons, c.

Damanda objected. JRM ruled that she was an ex officio officer and that she should be added; there was no objection

P Jones

Mtg with City Planning

Attended by JRM, C Kent, W South, M Dunn, W Schiffmann

Want response on EIS Comments

They received our responses in a timely fashion; we have heard nothing

Noted that the response had been written by CU.

M Dunn:- "the CPC response was insulting; we decided this, their response does not make sense."

197A Committee Resolution

Whereas Columbia University for at least 10 years has warehoused its properties in Manhattanville, has refused to offer existing tenants renewal leases, has falsely advertised properties as for rent and has allowed its properties to physically deteriorate, and

Whereas Columbia University is currently taking further steps towards the warehousing of additional properties by evicting commercial tenants or requiring them to relocate to inferior locations on short term leases and at substantial expense to those businesses, and

Whereas, in accordance with the policy of CB#9 as articulated in our formally adopted 197-a Plan, there is a great need in our community for well-paying manufacturing and other blue collar jobs which are essential to the economic sustainability of our community, and

Whereas currently there are many businesses in Manhattanville that provide skilled blue collar employment which operate in buildings that have been purchased by Columbia University and these businesses wish to continue operations in their present location, and

Whereas tenuous lease arrangements discourage investment and undermine the local businesses' viability,

Therefore he is resolved that CB 9 that
~~The board calls upon Columbia University to~~

- cease its practices of hindering existing business activity in the properties that it owns in Manhattanville.

- allow all current tenants of its commercial properties in Manhattanville to renew long term leases at rates that are consistent with the previous terms of their ~~tenancies.~~

-negotiate in good faith by truly offering its vacant properties for lease.

- cease its allegations that the area is lacking in vibrant business activity, as this bears truth only for the warehoused sites under Columbia University's ownership and control and does not reflect lack of demand nor the current dynamic business activity in the area.

Action Items

197a reso: W South

As amended see attached reso

TK asked re able to vote?

Told he could

10-0-1

Pearl Green /Reality House sold

City College

Karen Witherspoon had been given our reactions

S Bailey McClain: Move the dumpsters

Old Business

Boys & Girls Club

JRM: "The people there are the heirs of Rev rant and they are as bad as he was

We will not issue a letter of sup-port unless we are consulted

W South re Citarella

We must object to their request for title

If they do not followqthro with the plans we okayed, the project should re ert to that which was there before—affordable housing

Referred to the Piers committee

By consensus, it was agreed to send a letter to this effect.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

Respectfully submitted

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	ROLL CALL 6:50	197a Reso
J REYES-MONTBLANC	P	Y
C THOMPSON	P	Y
P JONES	P	Y
T KOVALEFF	P	Y
R JENNETT	P	Y
B MARSHALL	excused.....	
Y STENNETT	excused.....	
M DUNN	P	Y
C KENT	P	Y
C PEREZ	7:10	Y
W SOUTH	P	Y
J REDDICK		
C LEE		
E WELCH	P	ABS
S BAILEY MCCLAIN	P	Y
M PALMA		
C DAMANDA	P	Y
TOTAL	11	10-0-1