

Community Board 9M
565 West 125th Street
New York City, NY 10027

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

DATE: November 18, 2004
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Board Office

A quorum lacking, the meeting was called to attention by the First Vice Chair, Carolyn Thompson (CT) at 7:00 PM.

NYC Economic Development Corporation Presentation

Alyssa Cobb from EDC gave overview of elements of the 2002 West Harlem Master Plan. Regarding streetscape and intermodal improvements recommended in the Plan, Cobb stated that a design firm (Matthew Nielson Landscape) had been selected and Columbia would be funding the design phase (design fees \$1 million). Construction of the design is estimated to cost between \$10 and \$12 million (80% Federally funded, 20% local sponsor). EDC plans to report to the Harlem Piers/Economic Development Committee monthly.

At this point there was a quorum and a roll call was taken.

Motion to adopt agenda was seconded. Agenda adopted UNAM.

C. Taylor/W. South: To adopt minutes with any necessary amendments UNAM.

Chair's Report

CT stated that Chair's written report was included in the Board's package.

Treasurer's Report

CT stated that Treasurer's written report was included in the board's package.

District Manager's (L. McClean) Report

Written report included I Board's package.

Noted meeting with DOT on traffic on Claremont Avenue.

PUBLIC SESSION: C. Thompson presiding

Avra Petrides, Bridge Group

Provided status of discussions and steps regarding the Hamilton Theater and thanked CB9 for its support.

Donald Notice, WHGA

Described 2 projects (1) 10 brownstones ready to market; applications due 12/15/04; CB9 and CB10 residents to be given preference; (2) DACR - \$500,000 grant received to provide downpayment assistance (up to \$30,000 per household based on income).

Also responded to questions regarding 3285/3287 Broadway - Included in Neighborhood Revitalization Program, not affiliated with Columbia; lack of heat in October due to broker heat timer. Regarding tenants not being informed that buildings were in NRP, not TIL, concerned community members were invited to meet during the Board meeting with Notice and Goodwill.

Jamillad Jordan, WE ACT

Noted marine transfer station victory; Mayor's proposal must be passed by City Council
Undertaking MTA Accountability Campaign

Plan lawsuit against NYCHA on behalf of Grant Houses in initial phases (large numbers of children sick due to ingesting rat poisoning); developing base, WE ACT has not yet reached out to Grant Houses Tenant Association.

Community Forum – Planning, Power and Politics – to be held Saturday, December 11th at City College from 9:30 to 3:30 regarding CU expansion and environmental impact

Amelia Schwartz and Lina Van Velzer, Library

Library tentatively scheduled to be closed from December 20th - 27th for replacement of circulation desk.

Ann Rocker, NRCERB

No 12/04 meeting; next meeting January 4, 2005

Friends of Riverbank Park to be held December 11th

Noted that CB9 also worked hard to keep MTS closed

Happy Holidays!

Chantay Taylor

Schoenburg plans renovation beginning January 2005; Center will remain open.

Tom DeMott, CPC

Rent clinic on December 8th, 6:00 to 7:30 PM at St Mary's

Manhattanville Rezoning Task Force meeting on November 22nd at 6:30 PM at CB9

CU students to hold forum on 197-a Plan on December 6th at 6:30 PM

Urged CB members to support 2 resolutions regarding TIL buildings

Must defend principles of 197-a Plan

Happy Thanksgiving!

Alassane Diop, MBP Office

Greetings from the Borough President.

Roxanne Thomas, Senator Paterson's Office

Senior Citizen's Workshop – Knowing Your Housing Rights – December 8th at State Office Building, 8th floor, from 2:00 to 4:00

Contact office if seniors have problems with landlord for referrals to Department of Aging and Atty General's Office

MTA – reduced fares for seniors - looking at feasibility of action.

The public session ended at 8:15 PM.

BUSINESS SESSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Attendance was taken and there was a quorum.

TIL Resolution re: 610 West 136th Street

Passed 26-0-0 (1 present not entitled)

TIL Resolution re: 470 Convent Avenue

Passed 25-0-0 (2 present not entitled)

Hamilton Theater
Passed 26-0-1

Report to LPC re: legalization of work performed on 3 sites in Hamilton Heights
Passed (with friendly amendment from Bunning) 27-0-0

Report of Nominating Committee (C. Damanda)
Following nominations were reported and accepted by candidates:

Chair	Jordi Reyes-Montblanc
1 st Vice Chair	Carolyn Thompson
2 nd Vice Chair	Pat Jones Walter South
Secretary	Ted Kovaleff
Asst Secretary	Ramona Jennett Molesa Brown
Treasurer	Barbara Marshall (nominated from the floor by E. Welch and accepted)
Asst Treasurer	Carlotta Damanda (nominated from floor by C. Kent and accepted)

C. Taylor/B. Marshall – Moved and seconded to close nominations.

Candidate resumes due November 29th
Candidate Night on December 6th

C. Damanda removed from Nominations Committee as result of her acceptance of nomination for Asst. Treasurer. G. Goodwill will serve as Chair of committee; no new members to be added.

Old Business

TK requested status of Treasurer's Final Budget and Expense Summary; B. Marshall stated that information would be provided

V. Gholson reported demolition of school on 157th Street; G. Goodwill will invite appropriate parties to the Housing and Land Use meeting.

There was no New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia A. Jones