

General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 20, 2011

6:39pm

25 in attendance – Meeting Called to order.

Motion to adopt agenda.

Motion to adopt Minutes – B.Marshall 2nd Pat Lewis

Presentation – Columbia University Expansion – Phillip Pitruzello, Marcelo Velez and Ramesh Raiman. Update on construction status.

Columbia University Construction on Broadway & 148th Street was presented by Dan Held. Will follow up on questions regarding commercial and community space.

Presentation – Convent Avenue Baptist Church Annex – Bill Davis Project Manager presented on the variance application to build annex.

NYS Assemblyman Herman Denny Farrell – Albany at standstill. Pushing to extend Millionaires tax with the help of Manhattan's Legislators.

Chair's Report

G. Morgan-Thomas – report in packet.

CB9 was asked to participate in the 125th Street Holiday Lighting. Members are asked to invite unions and corporations to contribute.

Working to create jobs for residents of the community.

Treasurers Report

Anthony Fletcher – Reminds al of Tuesdays Budget Hearing.

District Manager's Report

Eutha Prince – Budget Priority in packet. Deadline 10/21/2011. Budget Director for NYC Mayors Office informed that there will be budget cuts in 2012 for Community Boards. Anthonine Pierre has moved on from the Manhattan Borough President's Office. CB9 wishes Ms. Pierre the best of luck in her new position.

Chair Rev. G. Morgan-Thomas – Youth Committee for working with the Uniform Services Committee.

Committee Reports

Landuse Committee – Javier Carcamo

Update on the West Harlem Re-Zoning, EAS (Environmental Assesment Study) should be moving forward by Oct. 2012.

Pat Jones states that the EAS compares existing zoning vs. proposed zoning.

Sisters of Charity of NY will be presenting a new project to build affordable housing on 153rs Street.

Need variance to increase the number of 2 bedroom apartments. Pat Jones requested they be added to November agenda.

Health & Environmental Committee

Charles Cooper – working to stop proposed Medicare cuts. Discussed Hydrofracking.

LDC

Pat Jones reports on the LDC.

Corey Ortega – Representing NYS Assemblyman Keith Wright – Handed out literature. Informed all that October is Domestic Violence Awareness month.

Assemblyman Wright will be hosting job fair in January.

Martin Smith – Representing NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat – report in packet. After many discussions regarding sewage treatment plant found raw sewage is being dumped all throughout NYS. All invited to March for jobs Nov. 2nd.

Michael Elias – Representing NYS Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell – looking for interns.

Michael H. Adams Representing NYS Senator Bill Perkins – Perkins pushing to extend Millionaires tax.

District Leader Marisol Alcantara – working with Manhattanville and Grant Houses on job fair.

Jane Arrendell

Ted Kovaleff

Reports cont'd

WHLDC, P Jones

The School venture with Teachers College will be placed in St Joseph's starting next year. Unfortunately, it has a capacity of only 300, while the Agreement called for 500. Therefore, working on finding additional space. Probably would be for the younger students.

Meeting with CU: We have requested data on Eco Devel and workforce development. We are hoping to get leverage on business-specific training

Public Session

Robert Jackson

Provided written report

Biggest issue is jobs

Highlighted the anti-bullying hotline 212.709.3222

Everything is now being run from the City Hall office.

Michael Elias for Assemblyman D O'Donnell

Provided written report and noted availability of free flu shots for seniors

Natasha Chiofilo 212.305.4675 on asthma intervention

At CU Med Ctr, there is a pediatric clinic which offers free screenings allergy skin testing and breathing tests. Has a new project in which they visit children's homes and test the dust for allergens. FREE

Brian Small with Joseph David, Diane and Dante spoke against tobacco mkting to youth

Want to raise awareness of tobacco ads targeting youth. Want to make cigarettes less available. No sales near schools or in pharmacies.

John Reddick and Anthony Somefun on 1818 Amst Av

[Joseph Loth Mill bldg]

Plan is to rehab the façade. The storefronts will be redone and will stretch the entire block.

Jake Carlson WHEACT

Wants to get riders together to say no to increased fares; wants stations fixed. There will be a mtg on the second Sat of Nov [12] at WHEACT offices at 10AM. 152 and Amst.

Martin Spollein opposed to Bway Housing 's project

It is out of context with the rest of the historic buildings.

Catherine Abate re PS 186

PS 186 will be in default of their deed and we need to find out from Shirley Lewis to address our group to tell us the status of the project.

Javier Carcamo Emerging NY architects

Wants more contestants from schools in our area. Visit enya.competition.org.

Henry Mattox focused on Columbia University using zip codes tfor hiring and training for OSHA cards.