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

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Date: September 23,2004
Time: 6:40
Place: Board office

The roll was called [see roll/vote tally]; there was no quorum, therefore the meeting was called to attention.

Attendance sheet attached [along with vote tally] These are a part of the record.

Reports:

Chair Report: Hon. Jordi Reyes Montblanc [JRM]
Submitted in writing

Treasurer: Barbara Marshall
Partial report submitted in writing
excused

District Manager: Lawrence McLean
Noted that the budget priorities will be voted on in the October meeting; they will include previous requests and new suggestions from community and Consultation Meeting.
Thanked C. Thompson, P. Jones, T. Kovaleff, B. Marshall, C. Kent, E. Welch, C. Perez, C. Damanda, and M. Dunn for testifying and leading the hearings.

Manhattan Boro Pres: Alesandro
Happy return after summer
Seminar for those needing professional development 10-4-04
sign up now, space limited.

No elected officials or their representatives were in attendance

The attendance was taken and there was a quorum

To accept the agenda - UNAM

M. Dunn/Many: To accept the minutes with any necessary subsequent emendations - UNAM

Public Session

Norman Siegel - Eminent Domain [CU Expansion]
To request the CB to pass the reso opposing the use of eminent domain in its expansion plan.

Nicholas Sprayregem - Tuck it away storage
Spoke against Columbia Univ's [CU] plans: "CU wants our five properties."

M. Dunn
Spoke against Columbia's plans to invoke eminent domain.

Leah Yananton - recent CU Grad
As a long time resident of W. Harlem/Manhattanville am a member of the Coalition to preserve Community I oppose CU's and the City's possible use of eminent domain in the area. CU's expansion will displace me as my landlord will raise my rent for more affluent students.

Peggy Shepard - WHEACT
WHEACT is offering support to CB('s efforts with staff and resources to develope a benefits agreement with Columbia

Rev. Johnson and Rev. Savoy - St. Lukes Episcopal Church
Spoke in support of building the handicap accessible ramp. at 435 W 141 Street

Eloise Nurse Paterson - on the ramp
opposed the building of the ramp

Maria De La Rosa - Manhattan DA Office
Thanked the community for its support of the DA's gun control program
Wants people to try out for the summer internship program
For more info call 212.335.9012.

Rev. Henry Robinson - Intro Best International Employment Agency
It specializes in executive recruitment and workforce development

Pat Best - Employment and recruitment
Gave an intro of services available from agency
Contractual agreement for the following services
1. Employer/employee contact
2. Pre-screening and pre-interview
3. Multiple referrals
4. Developement of employer relationships
5. Networking.
Distributed a handout

Max Bertrand - Harlem School of the Arts
Wants to rename St. Nicholas between 141 and 145 th street Dorothy Maynor Place. [She is a founder of the School] Referred to Tspt-Uniformed Services Committee

Levern Williams - Dev of NA Inc.
To up date Board on progress of construction
Reception to celebrate opening 10/29 6-8-pm at 3281 Bway

Dr. Keran Feng - Persecution of Falun Gung practitioners
Falun Gung is a traditional practice system to improve mind and bidy
In the past five years, there has been systematic persecution of Falun Gung practitioners in China, wants CB9 to condemn the persecution.

Karen Hill - Employment Opportunities
To bring into the community information re opportunities and technology. Will get training and computer plus disposals of old computers.

Samuel Greenberg - Eminent Domain
"My business is threatened by condemnation and I would like to voice my thoughts."

Fred Danseh - Columbia Univ's expansion plan
"I think that CU, by concentrating on just profit betrays its educational mission."

Tom Kappner - 197a Plan
Statement in support of the CB9's 197a Plan
This is the right way to plan; Columbia's is the wrong way.

Tom DeMott
Street Fair on Tieman Plkace
Bollinger deceit in News article
Columbia;s threats to tenants and business
Support 197a plan

Savonna Bailey McClain
Take me to the river – area from Park 140-155 street improvement provides more access to river

Dimitri Saliani - Cell phone tower installation
"I am concerned about the installation of cell phone antenna towers taking place on the rooftop of the next bldg [1588-90 Amsterdam]. Specifically, the safety to residents of the community to the radio frequency waves they emit to nearby areas. Studies are inconclusive regarding safety.

Jordi Reyes Montblanc - Chair CB9M
I want Board support of the reso on the eminent domain plan

Ann Rocker
Criticized the Youth/Education committee

Public Officials

Morton Smith for Councilperson Robert Jackson
re third party transfer: had been on hold; now a question of who controls; the decision makers must partner.

Business Session

Roll call [8:10] 29 present, there remained a quorum

JRM instroduced three new members: Sandra Carter, Dominique Jones, Fatima Torres.

Action Items
Eminent Domain
Board: 29-0-0
Community: 20-0

Landmark oversite
23-0-4-1

St. Thomas
29-0-0

St. Lukes access
8-9--11

Old Business

L. McClean: detailed the actions and responsibilities of the Youth/Education Committee and rebutted A Rocker's negative charges.

New Business

F. Mack: I have made buttons saying "Manhattan CB9 will not give up on our youth."

V. Ghoulson:
Deal Community 10th Anniversary celebration 9/29 4-8 pm@ 153 between St. Nicholas and Amsterdam; distributed flier.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15

Respectfully submitted

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	ROLL CALL 6:50	ROLL CALL 8:10	EMINENT DOMAIN 8:22	LANDMARK OVERSIGHT 8:28	ST THOMAS SUPPORT 8:45	ST LUKES ACCESS
M BERMAN	P	P	Y	Y	Y	N
C BRANCH	EXCUSED.....					
M BROWN			Y			
N BUNNING		P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
S CARTER	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
L CONYERS	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
C DAMANDA	P	P	Y	Y	Y	N
M DUNN	7:45	P		ABS	Y	
V GHOULSON	ON BOARD BUSINESS.....					
C GILMORE	EXCUSED.....					
G GOODWILL	EXCUSE	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
R JACKSON	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
R JENNETT	RESIGNED.....					
C JOHNSON	P	P	Y	Y	Y	N
S JOHNSON	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
D JONES	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
P JONES	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
C KENT	P	P	Y	Y	Y	N
T KOVALEFF	7:30	P	Y	NOT ENT	Y	N
LEE	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
P LEWIS	P	P	Y	Y	Y	N
F MACK	ON BOARD BUSINESS.....					
B MARSHALL	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
S BAILEY MCCLAIN	7:30	P	Y	ABS	Y	ABS
K MITCHELL	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
M PALMA		P	Y	Y	Y	N
C PEREZ						
J RAMON						
J REDDICK	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
J REYES MONTBLANC	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
S ROBINSON	P	P	Y	Y	Y	Y
W SOUTH	SICK, LETTER TO COME.....					
O SOWAH	P	P	Y	ABS	Y	ABS
Y STENNETT	EXCUSED.....					
C TAYLOR		P	Y	Y	Y	Y
G MORGAN-THOMAS	EXCUSED.....					
C THOMPSON	P	P	Y	Y	Y	N
G TINSLEY	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
F TORRES	P	P	Y	ABS	Y	N
E WELCH	P	P	Y	Y	Y	ABS
S WINSLOW						
TOTAL	22	29	29-0-0	24-0-4-1	29-0-0	8-9-11