

Community Board #9M

16-18 Old Broadway

New York, New York 10027

General Board Meeting

October 17, 2013

The roll was called and the meeting brought to order. A presentation on improved safety conditions on Broadway at the intersection of 135<sup>th</sup> and west 152<sup>nd</sup> street was given by DOT. The liaison of Upper Manhattan DOT gave us a brief summary of intended changes at the above intersections. Specifically, southbound traffic on Broadway at 152<sup>nd</sup> and 153<sup>rd</sup> will have a dedicated turn section to prevent rear-endings. They intend to build out the intersection to give pedestrians a little extra room. JP stated that traffic backups will happen as a result. CT Con Edison is working there now traffic will be a problem for the #4 and #5 bus. DOT stated this will not be implemented until the spring so the construction should be completed. TK asked if DOT would paint or extend the mall. DOT stated they would paint and use extenders, not the concrete. TK protection for crossing the median Westbound is needed and pedestrians need to stand behind the bulwark. JI How much early warning are drivers to receive? DOT Over 100 feet before actual solid lane., BM Have you reached out to the community with these changes? DOT the process we go through is that it is not necessary unless we do a stretch (5 blocks), then they go to the community for 1 block they just go to the community board. DOT 135<sup>th</sup> and Broadway we planned something similar, turn signals are feasible according to the survey. Protective walkway to be installed. Possibly detour signs. DOT will be coming back to the Board and keep us posted on the progress. As the construction nears completion they will come back with turn signals info and signage.

At 7:15PM we have a quorum. The roll was called and a motion to adopt the agenda was seconded. BT wanted to add an action item only if appropriate. Minutes were moved and seconded. We then went into our elected official session followed by our public session for which the minutes are attached.

The following action items were voted on:

118<sup>th</sup> street Riverside Drive Bus Stop

36 Yes

V&T Restaurant

112 French

35 Yes

0 No

1 Abstain

**Action Items:**

**Muni Meters**

**31 Yes                      3 No    2 Abstain**

**Section 8 Reinstatement and transparency of finances and repair schedule by HCCI was discussed. BM The letter needs to be strengthened . AT We are asking the Board to help them with coordination and legal; assistance to develop a plan for immediate repairs. Also, transparency (where the money goes, etc.) of the management company financial matters. The Chair stated a letter to management should be drafted asking for financial documents to be presented within the next two weeks. Depending on the outcome a letter will be drafted.**

**35 Yes                      1 Abstain**

**Air Quality Monitoring**

**36 Yes**

**Reports:**

**The Chairs report was not in the packet. She will send it out to the Board members .**

**St. John's Cathedral . Our Chair stated residents from the community did get apartments in the Avalon. Contrary to what was stated previously. Many of the people who came before this Board concerning the new development have received money from St. John the Divine. In 2004, this Board wrote a letter to the Landmark Commission stating that they supported the Landmarking of the entire site. Elected officials at that time opposed. This new development has the possibility of bringing jobs in many areas to community residents. Four developers have been on this project. The south lot has been developed. They do not need bonds and are not required to do a public meeting. We have a chance as a Board to be involved and demand the women, and minorities have employment at the site.**

**Youth, Education and Library Committee**

**JI There was a meeting with TCCI concerning after school. There are 103 students enrolled of which 70% attend 3-6PM, 64% attend 3 days a week from 3-5PM. A leadership team will create an after school committee to plan programming. TCCI has a paid option and a free option. They are working for next year to be free. Playground construction is ongoing and discussions were continuing to solve the issue of outside recreation.**

**Chair request that all committee Chairs have representation at the Strategic Planning committee meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Next Tuesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> budget hearings . Please have a representative of your**

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committee there. The tabled Morningside safety resolution will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Land Use

Thanks Robert Jacksons' office and his staff for their assistance.

AT NYCHA infill report will be sent to the Executive Committee. They released a request for interested parties. If the Judge does not sign a restraining order we will do a resolution. They would like to thank Barry for staying on top of the matter.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted by

Carole L. Singleton

Secretary

## Public Session

[Note: Content included herein is derived from summary provided by speaker registering to address the meeting. Failure to provide a legible summary can lead to content being omitted]

**L Williams:** Wants support for Neighborhood Artists in their effort to sever their relationship with HCCIIC: The Charles Inniss HDFC. Tenants are suffering, services are not being administered, there has been misappropriation of funds. There are many outstanding violations. "We need legal help and CB9.

**N Cochran:** Nextdoor.com is a useful online tool for neighbors to discuss community issues and to organize special groups/events. It is free. Wants to build on successes elsewhere. Distrib fliers.

**S Mortensen:** There will be a bulb planting parade on Sat Oct 26 from 10-2. All are welcome to join in the fun.

**J Lipsett:** The Morningside Heights Historical District Committee, devoted to establishing an historic district for Morningside Heights, opposes the proposed St John's apt development as incompatible with such a district and the surrounding church and close and not affording any compensatory benefit of substance to the community.

**J Carter-Bonman:** [Library manager of George Bruce Library] To introduce self and provide program highlights. Distrib flier.

**L Friedman:** To voice opposition to the plan of St John the Divine to build an apt tower at 113<sup>th</sup> St and Amsterdam Av.

**B Taylor:** Spoke in opposition to the St John's proposed building project.

**M McCray:** Offering a free 3D animation class for high school students who live in the CB9M district. The classes are on Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM.