

**Manhattan Community Board 9
Health and Environment Committee
April 14, 2009 Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present: *Cora Gilmore, Carmen Perez (Chair), Will Simpkins, Carole Singleton,*

Community Board 9 Members Present: *Pat Jones, Board Chair*

Public Members Present: *Vaughn Jackson*

Public Present: *Rasheeda Wilson & Irma Mitchell, W Development Group*

Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 6:50pm and asked the representatives from the W Development Group to make a presentation.

W Development Group has a community facility property available for rent at 415 West 150th Street, best suited for healthcare and medical facilities. The building is a new condo residential development scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2009. At \$37 - \$47 per square foot is the potential price range for this 6,143 square-foot space but the presenters stated that the price is negotiable. An open house will be held on Thursday, April 16th from 5:30pm – 8:30pm (and every Thursday thereafter) and Saturday, April 18th from 12noon - 2:00pm. More information can be found at www.sugarhillmedical.com or by emailing Rasheeda Wilson at rwilson@wdevelopmentgroup.com. Chair Perez indicated that she would share this with the Housing Committee and copies of the notice would be made available at the next Community Board 9 Meeting.

Chair Perez asked Pat Jones to discuss the three resolutions from CB 7, CB 2, and the Manhattan Borough Board concerning the practice of “hydraulic fracturing” relating to natural gas exploration. Pat Jones referred this information to the Health & Environment Committee for our review and potential joining. Chair Perez also discussed the issue with Ms. Mav Moorehead of H2O Incorporated who is asking for further studies to be done on this process. The Committee voted unanimously (4 committee members, 1 public member, 1 CB9 member in favor, none opposed, none abstained) to use language from the Manhattan Borough Board’s resolution on the matter and bring a resolution requesting the Department of Environmental Conservation, the New York State Legislature, and Governor Patterson prohibit this practice.

Carole Singleton updated the committee on the 10-week CERT (Certified Emergency Response Team) training that she is participating in and recommendations made regarding emergency situations (common practices, Go-Bags, etc). Pat Jones recommended that the Committee may want to consider hosting workshops for the broader community based on the material presented during the CERT trainings. Chair Perez encouraged Carole Singleton to take copious notes and present the information to the Board.

Chair Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.