

**CB9 Manhattanville Rezoning Task Force
Meeting – November 22 2004
Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM.

Agenda was adopted.

Minutes were adopted with any necessary corrections.

Overview of technical resources available to Task Force was provided by Mafruz Khan from PICCED. M. Khan identified the technical advisors as: PICCED (overall coordination), Karen Sherman, Esq. plus consultants, Brennan Center for Justice, Harlem CDC, and WeACT. In addition, generic elements of CBA's were distributed in memo form.

Cecil Corbin Mark, West Harlem Environmental ACTION – announced December 11th community resource day "Planning, Power and Politics in the Harlem Corridor: The impact of development on the environment." Co-sponsored by CB9 and WeACT.

P. Jones reported that the CB9 197-a Plan was being printed and would be submitted to DCP the following week.

Geoff Weiner, Columbia University:

- Stated that scoping of the environmental impact statement would not take place until early 2005 at the earliest.
- Indicated a list of open items/questions and tentative timetable for responses would be given to P. Jones for review prior to distribution to Task Force members/attendees.
- Recap of tour of CU research facilities conducted on the prior Saturday (Morningside and Medical Center). Only one Level 3 research facility exists where DNA from SARS viruses are analyzed (this lab was not a part of the tour).

Warren Whitlock, Columbia University, reviewed CB9 specific local purchasing, contracting, etc. CU has had a Minority/Women/Local construction participation program since 1996 – Goals are 15%, 5%, 5%. With regard to CB9, in 2004 – \$20 million spent in CB9 contractors; \$9.2 million paid to local vendors and service providers; rents paid to CB9 landlords was \$5.5 million. Whitlock also responded to questions about specific businesses.

Open Questions regarding CB9 Spend:

- Provide complete list of CB9 contractors and businesses used by CU
- WRT minority businesses in CB9, can demographics of employees be provided to ensure that labor force is indeed minorities?
- How are the Columbia spends reported for 2004 in CB9 expected to change after CU expansion causes existing business relocation or elimination?

Based on current projected budget for the CU expansion project and current 42% track record for M/W/L, it was estimated that over \$1.2 billion would be spent in M/W/L businesses citywide (not exclusively CB9) over the 30 year project plan.

Construction Skills 2000 and Non-Traditional Employment for Women were cited as programs/mechanisms that CU is attempting to work with to help locals interested in construction careers.

Judy Dorsey, HR, Columbia, gave overview of new employment initiatives at CU. First initiative was Jobs at Columbia – on-line system (introduced in April 2004). In order to provide internet access for those that do not have it, more support has been provided on CU's campus and when the new employment center is open, internet access will be available in that location. In August 2004, CU partnered with Manage Work Services to provide job readiness training and mentoring. MWS has helped fill 45 CU positions since August (1/3 from CB9 residents). Jack Travis, architect, presented designs for the new employment center located on Broadway. Wayne Francis, Columbia, described employment center processes; system will be put in place to track those that utilize the center by zip code, by qualifications, etc. CU will refer individuals who do not meet CU criteria to CU networking partners. Employment Center expected to open end of 2004; Week long open house will take place in January 2005. Hours of center will be M-F, 9 to 5. After 90 days, assessment will be made to determine if days and hours need to be changed.

Geoff Weiner provided following CU employment statistics:

- CU employs 14,000 (50% at Morningside campus, 50% at Medical Center)
 - 2,000 employees live in CD9 (majority live in CU housing)
 - 213 employees in CD9 live north of 125th Street
- CU hires 1,500 annually, excluding faculty
- Recent Hires: (April 2004 to October 2004 – 950 individuals hired)
 - 65 CD 9 residents hired (out of 900 applications from CD 9 residents)
 - 55% for clerical, 17% for administration, 28% for miscellaneous positions

Open Question regarding Employment Center:

- From financial and policy perspective, why has CU partnered with MWS instead providing the services itself (i.e., training, mentoring)

Other Questions:

- Are 3280 Broadway and 3249 Broadway Columbia properties (Response: 3280 Bway – Yes; 3249 Bway – No)
- CU response to CAC report
- Gary Turnoff Flowchart regarding DEIS/EIS process
- Leasing history of CU owned buildings in Manhattanville
- What is source of CU's \$4.6 billion investment in Manhattanville and how will it be repaid (how has this investment been justified to the CU Trustees?)
- What were tax assessments on properties acquired and targeted by CU
- What will be the relationship between CU's new performing arts center and community arts organizations

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2005 at 6:30PM.