

**CB9M Manhattanville Rezoning Task Force**  
**November 28, 2005**  
**Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM.

Motion to adopt agenda and minutes (with any necessary amendments) made and seconded.

Mathy Stanislaus, consultant, was introduced by P. Jones. Mr. Stanislaus reviewed approach to CB9's written response to Columbia's draft scope. Mr. Stanislaus emphasized the importance of how CB9's 197A Plan should be incorporated into the scope of the EIS. Points of emphasis:

- Study area should cover interconnection of two existing CU campuses with the proposed Manhattanville campus
- Displacement – avoidance versus mitigation should be analyzed
- Historic properties – use of broader definition included in 197A is needed for worse case
- Cumulative impacts (along with specific methodologies) must be analyzed appropriately for environmental justice analysis

Spreadsheets have been prepared detailing, as a first step, how CB9 197A plan and CU's proposal differ. With regard to the framework, Stanislaus stated that existing conditions to be used in EIS should not begin "today," but rather at an earlier date when CU began acquisitions and also an examination of how those properties have been maintained and the consequences to adjoining properties. Further, it will be recommended that Columbia's plan should be compared with the future of Manhattanville if 197A plan is implemented as the legitimate alternative analysis.

Stanislaus noted that the EIS (a technical document to support proposed development action) must be as complete as possible and as responsive to comments made during the draft scope process.

Stanislaus reviewed each component of the scope document and importance of type of analysis to be included in EIS. Furthermore, he noted that in order to analyze impact of CU plan, CU must also project other development activity that will take place during the projected build period.

Concerns relating to capacity of North River, private space/public use, strains on infrastructure, job creation for CB9 residents north of 125<sup>th</sup> Street, and numerous other areas were raised and noted for inclusion in CB9's response to the written response. It was noted that the EIS should cover the impact of the proposed plan, but also specifically will CU plan preclude achievement of 197A plan goals and objectives.

It was emphasized that even though CB9 would be formally responding to the draft scope, it was important that organizations and individuals also respond in writing and also make remarks at the public scoping meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.