

CB9M Manhattanville Rezoning Task Force
Monday, November 27, 2006
6:30 P.M.

Minutes

Jones called the meeting to order at approximately 6:50 P.M.

The agenda was adopted.

Jones noted that someone would like to video the meeting; there were no objections.

Presentation by Department of City Planning

Edwin Marshall and Betty Mackintosh from DCP presented the following with regard to process and next steps (presentations intentionally did not cover build program for CU, which would be covered in the ULURP, environmental scoping, and CBAs.):

Columbia Proposal (E. Marshall):

Draft scope

- Due to number of comments, comments period extended to 45 days
- CB9's comments were responded to by DCP, to which CB9 responded in turn; as a result of this last CB9 comment letter there will be some additional changes in the scope
- Scope to be finalized in the next few weeks
- Final scope will be posted on DCP website
- Unclear whether CB9 will receive written response to CB9's second comment letter

Next Steps

- PDEIS will be distributed to CB9 for informational purposes
- There is no date yet as to when PDEIS will be completed
- ULURP process cannot begin until PDEIS is completed
- Columbia has not submitted its ULURP application yet (zoning map change and zoning text recommendations)
- In addition there are state actions that require a General Project Plan
- ULURP requires review by community board, MBP, City Planning and then City Council
- DCP will present plan to City Planning Commission, in an open session (we will receive 2 weeks notice)
- CU plan is then submitted to community board for review, if desired public hearing, vote (60 days)
- CU plan then submitted to MBP for review, if desired public hearing, vote (30 days)
- CU plan then submitted to City Planning Commission, where a public hearing is required

- DCP then writes its report and submits the plan to City Council, which typically first submits to one or more of its subcommittees (50 days)

197A Plan (B. Mackintosh)

- October 17, 2005, plan met threshold standards
- DCP determined that 197A and CU 197C would be reviewed concurrently
- 197A is an alternative in the CU DEIS, based on additional specifics derived from existing 197A recommendations as a result of work by CB9 and meetings between CB9 and DCP
- 197A will be referred out for public review at the same as CU's certification
- At that time, other city agencies will be contacted for comments on 197A recommendations; DCP will meet with CGB9 to discuss any issues; DCP can then modify plan (DCP has the option to modify the plan if CB9 makes no changes)
- CB9 can hold public hearing before it votes on plan
- MBP can have public hearing before it votes on plan
- CPC must hold public hearing before it votes on plan

Other 197C Applications (E. Marshall)

- Five other applications for 7 properties in Manhattanville
- Tuck it Away (TIA) filed on November 14, 2005 along with 4 environmental assessments
- Letter noting deficiencies sent to TIA *in October 2006*
- Hudson/Despatch filed application in June 2006 (environmental assessment that was submitted in August 2006 has been withdrawn)
- DCP will review all 197C applications together if they are all ready at the same time.

The balance of the meeting were questions and answers covering, among other items:

- Basis for simultaneous review of 197A and 197C
- CU's environmental consultants and role in DCP comment letters/final scope
- Is state GPP done at same time as ULURP
- Response to comments on scope from individuals (as opposed to CB9)
- What are the voting options (Modify, Oppose, Approve)
- Why more specific timing is not available
- How might 197A and/or 197C be reconciled by City Planning (what is the process for modification of either plan)

Edwin Marshall indicated that he would come back to the Task Force with responses to all unanswered questions.

Although there was no plan to hold a December Task Force meeting because of the holidays, the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 18th at 6:30 P.M. to achieve the above.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 P.M.