

CB 9 Manhattanville Rezoning Task Force
Wednesday, September 8, 2004
Minutes

Meeting called to order by P. Jones at 6:50 P.M.

Columbia Reports:

Geoffrey Weiner, Columbia, noted that all questions could not be answered at Columbia's research presentation in July 2004 because of the absence of Loretta Greenholtz from the Morningside and Lamont campuses. (Laboratories she is responsible for are generally located from 116th to 120th Streets, Broadway to Amsterdam.) Ms. Greenholtz provided brief history of regulations governing CU research activities and she reviewed the EPA inspection and process conducted in March 2001, which was based on NYC Fire Department regulations, data, and violations, at Morningside. She stated that Columbia was initially assessed \$900,000, but after negotiations this amount was lowered to \$100,000 plus requirements to develop chemical tracking program, an environmental management system (policy statement), and a film focused on high school (students, teachers, administrators) awareness relating to hazardous materials. Estimated costs of these three additional requirements was approximately \$425,000.

Follow-up questions to be addressed at future meeting:

- History of other environmental fines from activities other than research;
- Details of types of research and programs CU will be conducting at Manhattanville campus (versus current activities) and potential impacts/hazards to community and environment;
- What type of community involvement is planned for advisory and/or oversight committees relating to research activities;
- What research grants have been received.

Joe Ienuso, Acting VP of Facilities Management, recapped his presentation on Employment Projections/Economic Impact from August 2004 and provided clarifications regarding assumptions used to develop projections, job categories, as well as base wages/starting salaries paid to Columbia employees.

Follow-up questions to be addressed at future meeting:

- How many people (plus type of position) from CB 9 are currently employed by Columbia;
- Of the 9,205 projected net new jobs over the full build, how many and what types should be expected to come from the community (CB 9);
- What types of job training programs will be put in place for CB 9 residents;
- How many construction jobs will be generated from the community (CB 9).

Columbia was requested to provide a timetable indicating when questions from the community will be answered.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 P.M.