

CB #9 September 2013 Housing Committee Meeting

September 17, 2013

The following Housing Committee members were in attendance:

Nicole Monegro, Annette Robinson, Victor Edwards (minutes prepared by V. Edwards)

Board Member – Ernestine Welch

Guest included:

Tenants from 640 Riverside Drive

Roberta Gold of 640 RSD provided an update to the Committee regarding the progress of the renovation and conversion of their building:

- A new loan was secured for their building separate and apart from the neighboring building 644 RSD, (previously there was 1 loan for both buildings)*
- Construction is slated to start - spring/summer 2014*
- Concerns were expressed regarding the contractor who preformed the work at 644 RSD (poor workmanship / lack of oversight of work)*
- New Contractor assigned - MDG*
- SHUHAB not always cooperative with the residents or their Board*
- Juan Rosa was contacted by the tenants to provide assistances*

Suggestions were made to involve the following if needed:

- NYC Public Advocate*
- HPD*
- Local elected Officials*

We suggested that the 640 Board keep the Housing Committee informed of any issues and we would sit in on meetings as we had previously done.

Broadway Housing - Michael Palma

Michael Palma - update on the new Broadway Housing development at 155th street

- Building – 124 units / studios, 1,2,3 BR / Museum space/ Headstart / Community Space*
 - 48 units set aside for CD#9 residents*
 - 25 units set aside for homeless applicants*
 - 70 % completed*
 - Apartments will be rented through a lottery system*
 - Applications can be completed on line thru the Broadway Housing website*
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Columbia University - Victoria Mason

- Ms. Mason provided copies of Columbia's new publication "Growing Together", which outlines updates CU services to the community in connection with the Manhattanville expansion*

Meeting start at approximately 7:00 p.m. without a quorum and ended at 8:30 pm