

CB9 M Manhattanville Rezoning Task Force
April 24, 2006
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM by co-chair Jones.

The agenda was adopted.

Jones provided an overview of the CB9 197A plan using Department of City Planning's October 2005 presentation provided to City Planning Commissioners (copies were distributed to meeting attendees). She emphasized that the 197A plan covers the entire community district and summarized themes driving plan: need to improve quality of life, preserve historical building patterns and neighborhood scale, creation of job intensive businesses for local residents, provide for population growth without displacement of existing residents. Recommendations included in the plan were also reviewed. She noted that 197A plan is posted on the Pratt Center website – www.prattcenter.net.

The DCP presentation included a summary of Columbia's proposed development plan (197C plan) for a new campus in West Manhattanville which was also reviewed. Jones noted that City Planning indicated it will review the 197A plan and the 197C plan concurrently and further has requested CB9 and Columbia enter into dialogue to review differences between the 197A and 197C plans and attempt to close the gap.

In terms of reviewing the differences between the plans, Jones explained the process being undertaken (specifically technical working meetings with Columbia personnel and Jones, South, Kent and Dunn from CB9 and CB9 consultants) which is ongoing.

In terms of Columbia's draft scope for its EIS, Jones provided summary of CB9's response and the request to use CB9 197A as an alternative development scenario to the 197C. A copy of DCP's response to this request was distributed (essentially EIS will include 197C compared to a no build scenario and 197A compared to a no build scenario) and discussed. It was noted that DCP's concurrent review of the plans and inclusion of a 197A plan in an EIS is unprecedented.

Jones then summarized the recent meeting with City Planning and the agency's request for information in order to come up with a 197A development scenario. Specific topics for feedback were discussed (refer to attached).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.