

Economic Development & Harlem Piers-Parks & Landmarks Joint Committee
Meeting Minutes December 4, 2013

Economic Development members present: Carmen Morillo,
James Archer, Arnold Boatner, Marco Fei,

Parks & Landmarks Committee members present: Arnold Boatner
James Amodeo, Joel Mentor, Michael Wells
CB9 Board members present: Brad Taylor, LaQuita Henry

CALL TO ORDER-at 6:35pm

MARINE TRANSFER STATION DEVELOPMENT-presentation by Christia Panizales that would utilize the MTS as a community sail boating/kayaking facility. There was considerable discussion and debate following presentation by meeting attendees over why this proposal wouldn't work, due to the physical design of the facility and the river currents generated by the proximity to the sewage treatment facility.

MONTEFIORE PARK EXPANSION PRESENTATION- presentation by NYC DOT and NYC Parks. History of the project was outlined starting in 2008 with an application from Heritage Health & Housing to the NYC Plaza program. PowerPoint presentation outlining design concept was presented. Site plan was developed after numerous community meetings with stakeholders from the community. Plan will close Hamilton Place at 135th Street to allow expansion of plaza. Among enhancements developed from community input is the ability of fire trucks to drive partially through the park to access buildings north of the park in the event of an emergency. Water will also be available in the park for irrigation and an information kiosk will be built. A vote was held to write a resolution of support by Parks Committee members and was passed unanimously following presentation.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY CCIA INTERN PROGRAM- Arnold Boatner announced that CB9 will have two Columbia University interns for the Spring 2014 semester.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm