

**May 3, 2005 Minutes
Harlem Piers, Waterfront and
Economic Development**

EDC Real Estate: Mr. Stephen Hayes did not attend this meeting however, as a result of our April resolution, the president of Citarella invited the Chair of the Board, the Chair of this committee and Mr. Hayes to tour the 125th Street store on Wednesday, May 11, 2005.

EDC Waterfront: Ms. Alyssa Cobb informed us that the Army Corp of Engineers only meets once a month. We believe the May date is May 16th. It is important for a determination to be made at their May meeting regarding the mitigation so that work on the piers can progress. Ms. Cobb stated that if the Army Corp of Engineers were to issue a permit in May, work on the Piers still would not begin before mid to late **August**.

- (Process Breakdown: 1. Environment Review; 2. Environmental Determination;
3. Secure funding; 4. Submissions to the State must be done a month in advance;
5. Marine Contract must be acquired with start and end dates;)*

She further stated that if all went well, the earliest completion date would be summer, 2006. It was decided that the Dept. of Fisheries should be contacted to enlist their support of the reef balls as mitigation at the Piers at the May meeting of the Army Corp.

It was decided that the draft Harlem Piers maintenance plan presented by Ms Saulaja Kurella would be tabled at this time.

National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ms. Lisa Pelsteing from NOAA conducted a slide presentation regarding the current status of the Hudson River. Mr David H. Keehn discussed the GE lawsuit and stated that the injury assessments on which the law suit it based are currently being studied. The GE lawsuit is based around the dam in the area north of Troy, New York where most of the damage to the Hudson took place. It was stated, however, that contrary to public belief, the ***fish in the lower Hudson River is unsafe for consumption***. The committee immediately requested that signs to this effect be placed throughout the Harlem Piers waterfront. We were informed that this was a state responsibility and that they would address this matter immediately upon their return.

It was suggested that our area become a permanent testing site, which would be accessible to children and adults in the community.

Economic Development: It was voted that the committee would host an Economic Conference on Tuesday, October 4th, 2005 entitled:

- Is your bank working.....
for you.....?
for your business..?
for your future.....?*

All area banks would be invited to present (3 minutes each). Final details are being worked on.

(Meeting adjourned)

Next meeting: June 7th.