

COMMUNITY BOARD 9 MANHATTAN
PARKS/LANDMARKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: September 12, 2011
Location: Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive
Present: Walter South
Victor Edwards
Brad Taylor
Simon Thoresen
Gladys Tinsley
Javier Carcamo
Carole Singleton

1. Chairman South called the meeting to order at 6.40 pm.
2. A quorum being present, the agenda was adopted.

3. Environmental Review of Proposed Rezoning of West Harlem:

Philip Van Buren, Esq. presented a draft resolution on the proposed rezoning calling for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be prepared by the New York City Department of City Planning as required by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the New York City Quality Review Procedure. There was some discussion of the proposed resolution. It was noted that City Planning has said it will do an EIS for the whole proposed rezoning area. City Planning has been asked by CB9 to produced a 3D rendering of West 145th Street showing the impact of the proposed R8A IH zoning (12 story buildings) along the whole street, but they have declined to do so for reasons of cost.

The Committee voted to approve 6 in favor, 1 abstention

4. Hamilton Grange:

Brad Taylor gave details of the celebrations for the opening of Hamilton Grange to take place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17 and 18. The National Park Services has recommended that the space adjacent to the house be made into an open park. Brad said there is a need for a visitors' center to be located there. This would allow administrative and non historic functions to be eliminated from the house, so it could be completely restored to its historic condition

5. Dog Run in Riverside Park:

Brad said the Parks Committee will study the possibility of locating a dog run in Riverside Park. At the moment there is no dog run north of 108th Street.

6. Tastee Bakery:

Walter gave an up date on the Tastee Bakery site proposal. He would like to see the historic buildings on the site landmarked. He handed out a paper on the Heritage of the Bakery prepared by a historian who he has asked to give a presentation to the Committee.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7.30 pm. The next scheduled meeting is October 17.