

**CHAIR'S REPORT
GENERAL BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2009**

TRIBUTE TO JORDI REYES-MONTBLANC

At January 2009 General Board meeting CB9 will pay tribute to our Former Chair Family is planning memorial service at St. John the Divine (date to be determined)

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

Certificates will be given to the following organizations for hosting our general board and various committee meetings throughout this past year.. Recipients are Fortune Society, Broadway Housing, George Bruce Library, Heritage Health

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Applications for appointment and re-appointment were due January 15, 2009

PUBLIC HEARING – BUDGET PRIORITIES

On January 29th, the Mayor's preliminary budget will be issued
Community Board comments are due February 27th

In accord with NYC Charter, CB9 will conduct a Public Hearing on the fiscal 2010 Preliminary Budget

Public Hearing will take place Thursday, February 19th at 6:30 PM. General Board meeting will follow immediately thereafter.

ANNUAL REPORTS

MBPO has requested that each Community Board submit an annual report no later than March 1, 2009

Each CB9 Committee Chair is requested to submit it's Accomplishments for 2008 to the District Manager no later than February 20th.

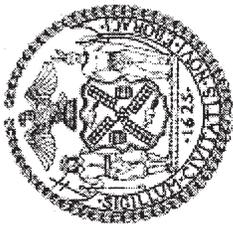
COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS (CERT)

Goal of CB9 to organize so that our community can prepare for and respond to any local disasters

Flyers in board member packets and on the back table. Please ask anyone interested in learning more and participating to contact the CB9 offices, Ty Buckelew or the number on the flyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MBP and Assemblymember Denny Farrell are sponsoring a West Harlem Town Hall Meeting – Saturday, January 24th from 11:00 to 1:00. Location – Church of the Intercession, 550 West 155th (Flyers are on the table in the back)



Community Board No. 9 Manhattan

CB9M

Presented To

(Name of Recipient)

(Name of Organization)

In Recognition Of His/Her Invaluable Service To Community Board No. 9 and the West Harlem Community
And for His/Her Continued Support and Cooperation Is Hereby Granted

Certificate of Appreciation

This (Date)

For And On Behalf Of The Executive Committee of the Board

Chair

First Vice Chair

Second Vice Chair



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SCOTT M. STRINGER
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

AGENDA

Manhattan Borough Board Meeting
Thursday, January 15, 2008
8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
1 Centre Street, 19th Floor

- **Adoption of the January 15, 2008 Borough Board Agenda**
- **Adoption of the December 18, 2008 Borough Board Minutes**
- **Overview of the NYC Board of Standards and Appeals**
 - Meenakshi Srinivasan, Chair
 - Jeff Mulligan, Executive Director
- **New Youth Initiative**
 - Chester Asher, Transform America
 - Laura Benitez, District 8 Youth Council
- **Vote on resolution to approve Whitney Museum 384(b)(4)**
- **Report by the Borough President**
 - Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer
- **Communications & Reports**
 - Council Members and Community Board Chairs
- **Adjournment**



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SUMMARY REPORT OF THE MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD
December 18, 2008

In attendance:

Presiding: Hon. Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President

Council Members: Mr. Jessie Bodine (representing Hon. Gale Brewer), Ms. Diane Stein (representing Hon. Alan Gerson), Ms. Shellie Williams (representing Hon. Robert Jackson), Hon. Rosie Mendez, Mr. Dan Pasquini (representing Hon. Daniel Garodnick), Ms. Elsie Encarnacion (representing Hon. Melissa Mark Viverito)

Community Boards: Ms. Julie Menin (CB 1), Mr. Brad Hoylman (CB 2), Mr. Dominic Pisciotta (CB 3), Mr. Jean-Daniel Noland (CB 4), Mr. David Siesko (CB 5), Ms. Helen Rosenthal (CB 7), Ms. Pat Jones (CB 9), Mr. Franc Perry (CB 10), Mr. Robert Rodriguez (CB 11), Mr. Manny Velazquez (CB 12)

8:48 a.m. – Mr. Shaan Khan moved for adoption of December 18, 2008 Borough Board Agenda and the November 13, 2008 Borough Board Minutes. Both motions carried.

Proposed City-Wide Bicycle Parking Text Amendment

Howard Slatkin, Deputy Director of Strategic Planning for the NYC Department of City Planning presented a proposal for a city-wide text amendment. City Planning and DOT have been working together for many years to encourage cycling. They hand out city-wide maps to promote cycling and match PlaNYC's strategic initiatives to increase bicycle commuting. DOT shows a 35% increase in the bicycle count from 2007 to 2008.

One out of two factors that discourage bikers from riding to work is the lack of safe storage. There is class 1 and class 2 bike parking. Class 1 parking is indoor, long term and secure. Class 2 is meant for short-term outdoor storage such as while doing errands. This text amendment is for Class 1 parking and would require new or significantly enlarged buildings (by more than 50%), or residential conversions to provide bike storage. The idea is to support bicycles as an additional viable transportation mode as much as possible.

The Text Amendment will balance the needs of the bicycle community with new development as much as possible. There can be a range of storage solutions, the space will not count towards the overall square footage of a building and there are waivers for unusual conditions and smaller buildings. There are a variety of ways to park the bike and people can enter the storage space from outside, inside or the basement. There must be one space for every two residential units and

one space for every 7500 square feet in commercial buildings (this should allow for about 3% of employee parking). Public parking requires one bicycle space for every 10 cars and universities require one space for every 5000 square feet.

Discussion included concerns about bicycling on sidewalks, concerns about bike racks taking up sidewalk space, the possibility of presentations to community boards, and the time available for comments by Borough Board (January).

Presentation and Introduction of Resolution for Whitney Museum 384(b)(4)

Rebecca Astor, Vice President of Transaction Services for NYC Economic Development Corporation presented the Whitney Museum project. The Whitney has been working with EDC to develop a new museum on Gansevoort Street between West and Washington Streets. The plan includes maintenance and operational assistance for the Highline Park.

There are currently three buildings on the property, two of them are meat spaces and one is the Gansevoort meat coop. The Whitney is going to buy the coop and build a newer, larger space on a lease until 2032. Once this expires, the Whitney will have the right of first-buy for the property. There will be light and air easements over the Highline Park. The Whitney will only use about 50% of the usable development rights and the rest will go to the City. There is a 50% reduction rate for the non-profit. They plan on opening in 2013 and will produce about 500 construction jobs and 85 permanent jobs.

Borough President Stringer asked whether the criteria for approval is that the transaction meets the public interest; asked the purchase price, and asked for the terms and duration of the easements. The net price is \$18,000,000. There are 3 easements: under the Highline (long-term), Northern buffer easement along the Highline (long-term), short-term (2032) easement for views to and from the Whitney. It was stated that the CB 2 zoning and land-use committee approved it unanimously and there is strong sentiment that the project is in the public interest.

Community Board Reform Presentation

Borough President Stringer explained that when he assumed office three years ago, there were 112 community board vacancies in Manhattan. There were unreported conflicts of interest and a lack of accountability (ad-hoc removals, insufficient resources, etc.). The Borough President tried to elevate the process by stopping ad-hoc removals and eliminating long term vacancies.

The Community Board Reform Committee (CBRC) goes through every application and determines which applicants should go forward in the process. The BP's office then analyzes the applications and data with the CB chairs and Council members and appointments are made by April 1st as mandated by the City charter. In addition, Manhattan is the only borough in the City that completed annual reports. The boards now have urban planning fellows and receive training on the budget process, conflicts of interest, land-use and parliamentary procedure, as well as the new EEO trainings.

There was an increase in applications in the first year, followed by a strong second year and a more targeted outreach plan in 2008. About 37% of the current community board members are new appointments. The CBRC has rejected fewer applications each year. This trend is being looked at. City budget cuts and the possibility of a charter review commission will present issues in the future.

Discussion included MBPO's meetings with Council members and CB Chairs, the budget reductions at every City agency, the individualized MBPO outreach and recruitment plans for each CB, and the need for guidelines for public members.

Borough Board Vote on Resolution Supporting Non Jurisdictional Buildings Adherence to NY Code

Vote passes: 15 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions

BP Stringer – yes	CB 3 – yes
CM Brewer – yes	CB 4 – yes
CM Gerson – yes	CB 5 – yes
CM Jackson – yes	CB 7 – yes
CM Garodnick – yes	CB 9 – yes
CM Mark-Viverito – yes	CB 11 – yes
CB 1 – yes	CB 12 – yes
CB 2 – yes	

Borough President's Report

Jackie Ludorf is the new chair of CB 8. David Liston, outgoing chair, was thanked for his service and leadership. Yesterday the Borough President testified at the MTA board meeting against the Access-A-Ride fair hike. Not only is the fair hike unacceptable, but there is no alternative ADA-compliant route for those in need. There are two remaining Community Board Informational Sessions: December 18th uptown and January 7th downtown.

Communications & Reports

Community Board 1: The Board plans to fight proposed closures to fire houses in their district.

Community Board 2: No report.

Community Board 3: CB 3 just finished the Chinatown rezoning. The Board is now working on Chatham Square and coming up with a basis for reviewing the job of the District Manager.

Community Board 4: CB 4 is having a forum on the proposed 11th Avenue rezoning.

Community Board 5: The district has experienced an economic slowdown in recent months, particularly the tourism industry..

Community Board 7: City Planning scheduled both the Fordham ULURP and the Riverside South scoping hearing in December, making it extremely difficult on the CB members to put together their recommendations around the holidays.

Community Board 9: Last month, the Board voted to change the term of officers to conform with the fiscal year and voted to make all of the officers term limited. These changes were amended in the by-laws.

Community Board 11: The Board is working to raise the profile of Community Boards and is putting out a "state-of-the-arts" report for cultural and art activities in the neighborhood.

Community Board 12: CB 12 co-hosted a meeting of the OEM Team Leaders which was very successful. The agency for child development co-hosted a conference last week with the Community Board. The Board would like transparency in the Port Authority project and a focus on public safety, drugs and police presence in the district.

Budget Update: Helen Rosenthal has added the newest budget cuts to the letter. She asks that Chairs email her any suggestions on how Community Boards actually save the City money and she also recommends adding information about the annual reports. Chairs should check in with their Council members to focus on cuts in the district and what the effects are.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.



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January 15, 2009

MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF

NEW YORK CITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PROPOSAL TO ACQUIRE FROM THE CITY OF NEW YORK BLOCK 644, PART OF LOT 1 AND PART OF LOT 10, FOR CONVEYANCE TO THE WHITNEY MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ART, OR AN AFFILIATED ENTITY, PURSUANT TO NEW YORK CITY CHARTER SECTION 384(b)(4).

WHEREAS, the City of New York ("City") is the owner of certain real property (the "Property") located within Manhattan Community District 2 consisting of a certain parcel of land identified as Block 644, p/o Lot 1 and p/o Lot 10 on the Tax Map of the Borough of Manhattan;

WHEREAS, the Whitney Museum of American Art ("Whitney Museum"), (or an affiliate thereof) desires to (1) purchase the Property in order to (a) construct and operate an approximately 185,000 square foot museum facility, containing gallery, office and educational space, a restaurant, museum shop, and public plaza, as well as (b) construct an approximately 20,000 square foot maintenance and operations facility for the High Line Park, to be operated by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation; and (2) be granted three easements which restrict development of the adjacent City-owned property;

WHEREAS, the project is expected to generate approximately 535 construction jobs and 85 full-time permanent jobs;

WHEREAS, the Whitney Museum of American Art conducted an environmental quality review of this proposal pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), the SEQRA regulations set forth in Title 6 of the New York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 *et seq.*, the City Environmental Quality Review Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, and the Department of Small Business Services (lead agency) issued, on April 30, 2008, a Negative Declaration for this proposal.

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission and City Council approved the disposition of the Property in relation to this project;

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that New York City Economic Development Corporation ("NYCEDC") will acquire title to the Property for conveyance to the Whitney Museum, or an affiliated entity, pursuant to Section 384(b)(4) of the City Charter and upon approval from NYCEDC Board;

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that NYCEDC will convey the Property to the Whitney Museum, or an affiliated entity, for a purchase price based upon an independent appraisal of the highest and best use per square foot value of the Property in free and clear condition, subject to certain site clearance costs and a 50% deduction granted to the Whitney Museum as a not-for-profit cultural institution;

WHEREAS, the Whitney Museum, or an affiliated entity, will purchase only those development rights that are needed to complete its project, and the City will retain all unused development rights associated with the Property;

WHEREAS, the form of compensation by which the City realizes the purchase price is subject to change by the New York City Office of Management and Budget;

WHEREAS, the easements being granted to the Whitney Museum, under certain terms and conditions agreed upon by the Whitney Museum and NYCEDC, are intended to protect (1) sight lines and light and air generally to the north of the Property and (2) site lines, light and air, and access/egress through certain areas generally to the east of the Property;

WHEREAS, NYCEDC has notified Manhattan Community Board 2 regarding the proposed conveyance of the Property, and said Community Board has held a public hearing on this application on December 11, 2008, and at its Full Board meeting held on December 18, 2008, by a unanimous vote of 36 in favor, with 0 opposed and 0 abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application;

WHEREAS, NYCEDC has presented to the Manhattan Borough Board the Property's purchase price, the process that was used to determine such a price, and the associated duration of the easements;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board has considered the purposes, terms, and conditions of the above-described transaction, and has found them to be in the public interest;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board hereby approves the above-described transaction.



THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF NEW YORK
CITY HALL
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10007

January 13, 2009

Hon. Mike Bloomberg
Mayor

Hon. Christine Quinn
Speaker
New York City Council

FAX AND MAIL

Dear Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn:

As budget negotiations rapidly approach, we are writing to express our deep concerns regarding the recently proposed 7% funding cut, in addition to the already imposed 10% cut, in the operating budget for all city wide Community Boards effective July 1, 2009.

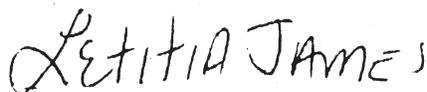
We are certain you would agree that New York City's 59 Community Boards are vital liaisons between government, city agencies, and their respective communities. Their effectiveness in handling and mediating a wide variety of problems cannot be overemphasized and should be remembered during the prospective budget season.

In light of today's economic uncertainty, the proposed cut will clearly cripple the Community Boards' abilities to function, resulting in consequent lay offs, payroll cuts, and the inability to pay off pre-signed obliged contracts. While we understand the severity of this particular budget season, the funding cut would result in drastic consequences, leaving Community Boards unable to function properly and effectively.

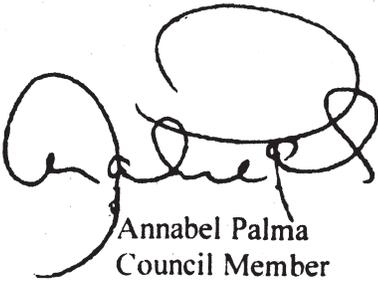
Given their pivotal role representing our City's diverse communities, we strongly urge you to allocate the appropriate and well deserved funding for the 59 Community Boards.

Sincerely,

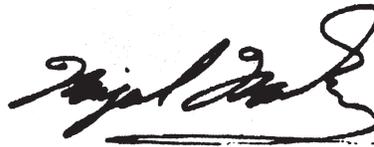

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Council Member


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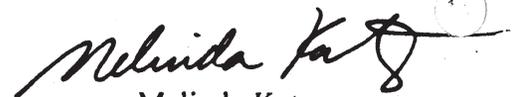

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Annabel Palma
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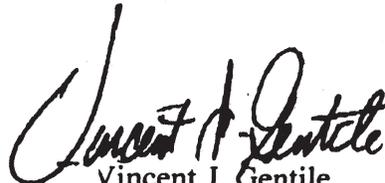
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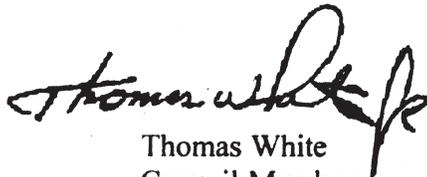
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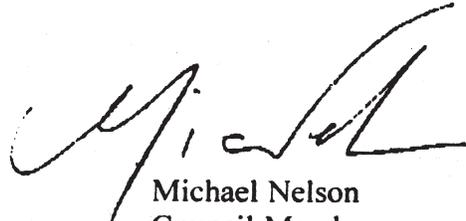
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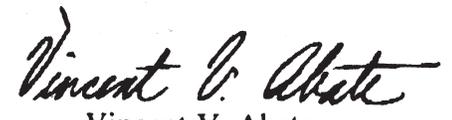
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CB 1 - Brooklyn



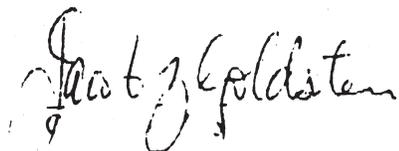
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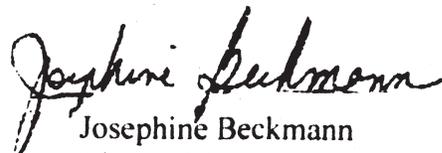
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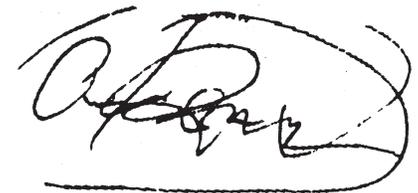
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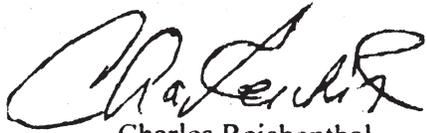
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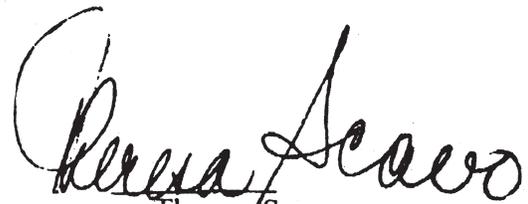
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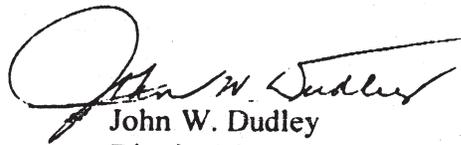
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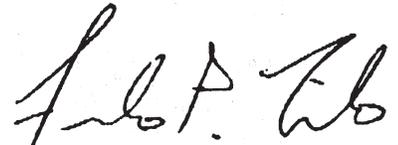
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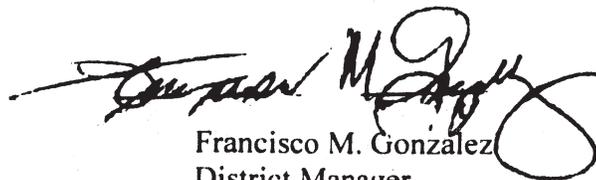
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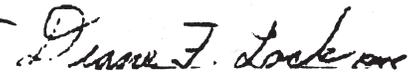
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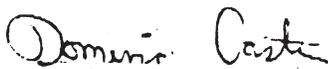
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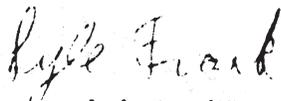
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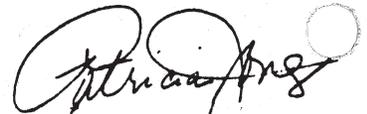
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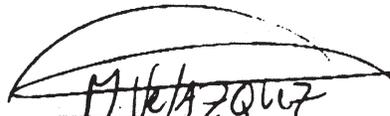
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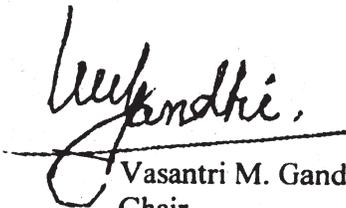
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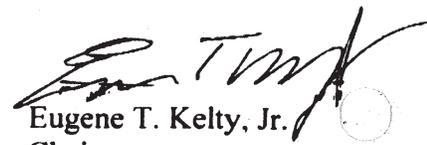
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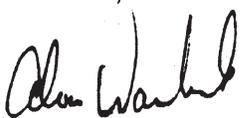
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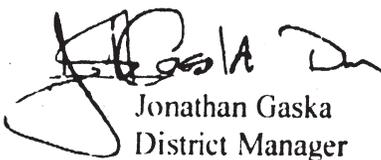
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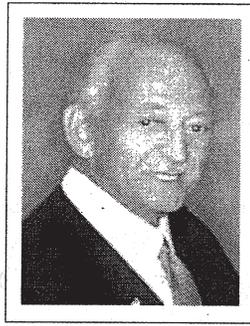
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