

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

December 16, 2014
Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive

Attending Committee Members

Victor Edwards - Chair,
LaQuita Henry
Harriet Rosebud

- Community Benefits Agreement

The meeting was called to attention at 6:50 p.m. without a quorum. Chair Edwards opened the meeting by reviewing the issue from the prior meeting of each standing committee selecting an item listed in the CBA to pursue with the assistance of Columbia in the coming year. Member Henry stated that the suggestion of a Health Assessment of CB 9 would be a good idea for the Health committee to pursue.

- "In-Kind" Benefits

Member Rosebud informed the group that a key issue for the arts community was the lack of performance space, stating that the Arts/Culture committee had drafted a letter to the WHDC regarding the process for the use of "In-Kind" benefits to obtain space.

Chair Edwards stated that to the best of his knowledge "In-Kind" benefits had only been utilized on two occasions thus far. He continued by stating that most recently the Health Committee has enlisted the assistance of a Columbia professor through the "in-kind" benefits to help analyze air quality reports for the North River Treatment Plant.

Member Rosebud stated her committee would reach out to community arts groups that were looking for performance space and connect them with the WHDC to utilize the "in-kind" benefits. Chair Edwards suggested that a meeting could also be arranged with the WHDC to obtain the process for utilizing the benefits.

- Member Edwards closed the meeting by stating that he was able to arrange a meeting with Columbia's Exec. V.P for Government affairs, Maxine Griffith. He explained that the purpose of the meeting was to address several items in the CBA that the SPC had questions about and had not been able to obtain answers through the assigned liaison.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.