

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
ECONOMIC/WATERFRONT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 14, 2013

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

L. BUFFINGTON
L. DEROSA
M. SCOTT

R. CERVONE
A. KRASNOW

N. COX
R. LUFTGLASS

EXCUSED:

R. BASHNER
A. DAVILA
V. HERMANIA
P. MINDLIN
D. SCOTTO

N. BERK-RAUCH
E. DEMETRIOU
D. KIKEL
G. O'CONNELL
L. SONES

F. BROWN
J. FRANCIS
A. KOZYR
D. ORTIZ

GUESTS:

A. COTTON – REP. FOR THE FORREST CITY RATNER CORPORATION
T. KELLY – REP. FOR BARCLAYS CENTER
A. PAVIA – REP. FOR THE BROOKLYN DOWNTOWN STAR
M. VON BOSE, M.D. – REP. FOR FACEP
M. METZLER

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Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Barclays Center on the employment figures for the new arena.

Ashley Cotton and Terence Kelly from the Barclays Center distributed slides on hiring results.

Prioritized local hiring:

- Work level
- NYCHA
- BUILD
- Outreach to elected officials and Community Boards
- NYCHA residents
- Local job fairs
- Job postings
- Clergy

Job descriptions: Union jobs, food service, security

Quarterly update report:

- Have hired 2,000 (1,900 part-time/100 full-time)
- 80% from Brooklyn
- 35% from Community Boards 2, 3, 6, 8
- 30% are NYCHA residents
- 120 employees are BUILD referrals but BUILD closed doors more than 2 months ago.

Q. Lydia Buffington asked since BUILD has closed who will they go back to when there is turnover.
A. Terence Kelly said they have waiting lists and new applicants.

In August they had to close website at 32,000 – everyone was pre-screened by WFI (skills, group interviews). Then Forest City Ratner interviewed.

Q. About turnover role?
A. Don't know yet.

Q. About why Red Hook isn't listed?
A. Ashley's Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) was originally the other NYCHA developments. Terrence does know some employees are from Red Hook.

Q. Is 100% a stable number?
A. Ashley said it will be reassessed.

Q. For part-time – how many hours?
A. Don't have specifics now.

Q. Is there priority hiring or just priority marketing?
A. If 2 equal candidates – will prioritize a NYCHA resident.

Q. About litigation with BUILD and Forest City Ratner?
A. BUILD participants who thought they would reserve jobs, are

Jim from Senator Montgomery's office asked: Now that BUILD (&ACORN) no longer exist, Is there a plan to have new organizations to recast as replacement for CBA signatories?

Under contract, will have to amend CBA.
Ashley said they were going through process of considering changes. Since FCR committed, will adhere to CBA.

Q. Current mix of ages?
A. Jim said we've received calls from applicants told above age span.

Q. Do part-time employees get benefits?
A. Union benefits but not health.

Norman Cox asked when next presenting report on how many hours worked.

Q. What percentage of full-time are Brooklyn?

A. Terence Kelly said he would find out.

Q. Training?

A. All employees were trained by Disney Institute – hospitality, attitude (in addition to functional skills)

Discussion about Sandy jobs. (Governor's Program)

- What's the status?
- What safety precautions have been provided?

Question about status of NYCHA Town Hall follow-up, e.g. delays with work orders.

Jim said that the work order system is antiquated – processes as separate work order tickets rather than sequential activities of one job.

Minutes submitted by Rick Luftglass.