Economic Development Committee West Harlem Piers Committee February 5th, 2019

<u>Members Present:</u> Maritta Dunn, Chair, John-Martin Green, Vanessa Jones, Tina Lumley, Jesse Weinstein

General Public Ira Gershenhorn, Captain Scot Koen of The Baylander

Paradise Express Ferry: Mr. Garry A. Johnson

The Paradise Express Ferry is a new, scalable and sustainable Tourism attraction. It plans to deliver a rich, immersive and unparalleled ferry experience that would showcase the unique cultural and historical maritime relevance of the West Harlem waterfront. The project plans to provide maritime and tourism employment opportunities to approximately 20 persons. The launch of the Paradise Express Ferry is planned for June 2019.

<u>Committee Recommendation:</u> This project is fully supported by both the West Harlem Piers Committee and the Ecojnomic Development Committee.

Marine Transfer Station: MTP Investment Grtoup

The basic concept that was presenterd is encouraging but clearer renderings need to be presented.

Committee Reconmendation::They have been invited to return.

New York Womens Chamber of Commerce Ms. Milka Rodriguez

The Chamber is interested in offering certification assistance to M/WBE businesses in the West Harlem Area. Among other things, the Chamber also offers business services, business courses, legal assistance and financing assistance.

<u>Committee Recommendations:</u> The Economic Development Committee fully supports this effor and plans to work closely with the Chamber.