Waterfront & Economic Development Committee
Manhattan Community Board Nine

Savona Bailey-McClain, Committee Co-Chair, Eileen Merritt, Committee Co-Chair
Jane Arrendell, Vicky Gholson Ph.D., Linda Walton, Ernestine Welch, Board Committee
Members, Maritta Dunn, Mark Irgang, Carmen Irgang, Public Member

Committee Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2009

The meeting opened at 6:45 p.m. by Committee Co-Chairs Eileen Merritt and Savona
Bailey-McClain

Present: Savona Bailey-McClain, Eileen Merritt, Linda Walton, Jane Arrendell,
Ernestine Welch,
CB9 Board Members: Christa Giesecke,
Guests: Dee Dec, Alejandro Baquero, NYC Economic Development Corp.

Adoption of agenda was approved.

Presentations:

The Waterfront & Economic Development showed a Power Point presentation that was
made in collaboration by Committee Co-Chair, Eileen Merritt and former board member
Michael Palma and images of "green" walls and "vertical" walls that are in Europe and a
rendering from a French company for the Marine Transfer Station.

There was health discussion about these possibilities. One important note by Board
member Christa Giesecke is that the weather climates might be warmer in Europe
therefore making "vertical" walls more possible. Alternatives could be to have plantings
at the base of the buildings and use wire or cables to allow plants to climb upwards.

After the initial discussion, Alejandro Baquero from NYC Economic Development
Corporation, then made a presentation. The first part of his presentation was on the
current status of the Marine Transfer Station (see attached). The second phase of Mr.
Baquero's presentation was on what makes for a good planning process which was not
what the Committee Chairs asked EDC to do. EDC was supposed to make a presentation
about the RFP process.

A robust discussion then ensued about the importance of the current building on the MTS
site. Feelings were split on weathered the building mattered because with the West
Harlem Piers project, the site was an old parking lot with no buildings to renovate or tear
down. Also debated, was Mr. Baquero's statement about participating in the WEACT
charrette. An unofficial resolution to the joint charrette by the Community and WEACT
was to allow the latter to have their community charrette but the Committee would
continue to pursue ideas and recommendations. Then in April, both groups can come
together to flesh out a list of recommendations to the Mayor's Office and NYC Economic
Development Corporation. This would ensure more participation and discussion in the
community about viable ideas that could be vetted in a feasibility study which would be
the next step.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.