

Community Board 9 Manhattan

Economic Development/Harlem Piers Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2016

Location: Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive, West 135th Street

Called to order at 6:39pm | Quorum achieved at 6:39pm

Attending Members: Quenia Abreu (Co-Chair), Jose Taveras (Co-Chair), Orlando Ovalles, Maritta Dunn, Nick Smith: Excused: Basia Nikonorow, Nekpen Osuan

Guests: Saiydah Walls, West Harlem Group Assistance, Inc. (WHGA)

Presentation: Reconstruction of NYCHA's Randolph Houses Phase II

- 265 West 114th Street, Harlem (Within Community Board 10)
- Gut-Rehabilitation of 115 Family Units
- Construction began late August 2016.
- Scheduled Construction Completion Spring 2018
- Phase I completed in spring 2016, 167 Units, 147 for NYCHA residents, 20 low-income housing tax-credits. 100% occupied
 - 30 percent goal for workforce hired from within the community (Harlem) surpassed this goal with 33 percent of workers hired from Harlem but would like to do much better for Phase II.
- Hiring Priority:
 - 1st priority for Randolph Residents.
 - 2nd priority for NYCHA residents living within CB9 and CB10.
 - 3rd priority participants of the Youth Build program.
 - 4th priority to low-income residents of CB9 and CB 10
- NYCHA working with Department of Small Business Services (SBS) for expanding hiring prospective workers through Workforce One Centers
- **Recruitment Fair is scheduled for December 2, 2016 from 10am to 1pm at Randolph Houses. 265 West 114th Street (between Manhattan Ave. and Fredrick Douglass Blvd) (Date and time subject to change).**
 - NYCHA will work with Workforce1 to help prospective applicants apply for the project and other opportunities. Also, Workforce1 will refer prospective hires to appropriate training programs (OSHA certification) through partners.
 - Qualification: Be 18 or older and have OSHA certification. 6 months of construction experience highly preferred.
 - It is a non-union project. Therefore, applicants do not need to be in a union member.
- Anyone interested in applying can go to Workforce1 centers (preferably the Upper Manhattan (125th Street) and Washington Heights (181st Street) locations).

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- Outreach: Randolph Houses and Harlem residents already registered with Workforce1 and outreach events, online and paper ads, newsletters, and presentations at Harlem NYCHA developments
- Funding for project provided by NYCHA, HPD, HDC, and through Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
- WHGA and Trinity Financial are aggressively trying to get M/WBE companies and small businesses to sign up for contracts for the project.
- SBS and DOITT are trying to update and match-up the state and city M/WBE contracts for better outreach.
- Orlando and Quenia from the New York Women's Chamber of Commerce will follow up with WHGA and Trinity Financial for the M/WBE information.

Old Business

- Columbia Resolution: Committee will edit the resolution via Google Docs, edit suggestions are due 11/11 and final vote will be held via email between 11/11 and 11/14.
- Should we do a new resolution for the West Harlem Development Corporation?
- Business Census: Interns will be picked on 11/2 by the NYWCC for participation of the business census. Will they be willing to work between 10am and 2pm?
- 5030 Broadway: Committee members met with Jerry Salama from Janus Property to visit the business incubator at 5030 Broadway in Inwood. Jerry was impressed and now has a better idea of what a business incubator actually is. Janus will build the business incubator, and work closely with CB9 and have another entity to manage the incubator.
- Small Businesses on 12th Avenue: City Councilman Mark Levine scheduled a meeting with the Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to discuss the construction and the affected businesses but was canceled at the last minute.
 - Meeting will be rescheduled as soon as possible with Levine's office.
 - Schedule with Department of Transportation (DOT)
 - Quenia will schedule meeting between Levine's office, EDC, and DOT.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.