

Minutes
Economic Development Committee
West Harlem Piers Committee
November 13th, 2018

Present

Members: Maritta Dunn,, John-Martin Green, Vanessa Jones,
Tina Lumley, excused, Jess Weinstein

Presenters: Andrew Green, MTP Investment Group;
Ira Gersheenhorn, Oyster Project

General Public Steve Wygoda, Architect; Stephen Haaorhan

Presentations:

Marine Transfer Station: The MTP Investment Group vision for the Marine Transfer Station is a community-oriented entertainment hub with event space; indoor and outdoor exhibition and retail space; indoor and outdoor restaurant and food court space. Depending on government approval they are interested in docking for ferries, sightseeing vessels, and a marine biology educational center. They are open to modifications and additions which will benefit and serve the community.

Committee recommendations and concerns: General support for the project is strongly recommended. **Concerns:** What is the physical design of the project? How will the project benefit the community.

West Harlem Piers Oyster Nursery Project: Director Ira Gersheenhorn would like to create a Billion Oyster Project in the Hudson River at the base of the West Harlem Piers. Baskets of oysters would be suspended under the piers to avoid interference with ships and tangling from fishing lines. This would require the continuous use of the Baylander boat. Unfortunately we were unable to accommodate a laptop presentation.

Committee recommendations and concerns: **Concerns:** The effectiveness is unclear but there is no negative response to the project. Additional research and information is needed.

Next meeting: December 4th, 2018