Economic Development Committee
Manhattan Community Board Nine
Serving the West Harlem communities of Morningside, Manhattanville, Hamilton Heights and Sugar Hill

Committee Chair: Carmen Morillo
Committee Members: Quenia Abreu, Arnold Boatner, Mark Fei, Rodley Ferguson, Jamaal Nelson
Public Members: Mark Irgang, Evelyn Maier

OCTOBER 2012 MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order: at 6:50pm on Tuesday October 2nd 2012 @ Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10031

II. Attendance: Present Committee Members- C. Morillo; A. Boatner; Q. Abreu; M. Fei; R. Ferguson; J. Nelson
Present Board Members- Harriet Rosebud
Present Guests - Jully Merino (Project Coordinator @ CU Office of Government and Community Affairs #212-851-7719, jem2245@columbia.edu)

III. Approval of the Agenda: First Motion - Q. Abreu
Second Motion – A. Boatner

IV. Approval of the Minutes: First Motion – R. Ferguson
Second Motion – A. Boatner

V. Announcements / Presentations
   a. Committee Assignments
      • Welcomed new members to the committee - Quenia Abreu, Mark Fei, Rodley Ferguson
      • Harriet Rosebud had not been resigned to the committee but wishes to rejoin and will formally place a request with Chair Rev. Morgan-Thomas
      • 1# Identification of violations for which businesses should receive a warning or opportunity to cure the violation instead of an automatic penalty or fine. 2# Elimination of obsolete violations. #3 Streamlining of regulatory processes; Simplification of the Place of Assembly permitting process. 4# Standardization of customer service training for all agency inspectors. 5# Designation of agency liaisons to serve as points-of-contact with chambers of commerce and industry groups.
      • Q. Abreu will keep the committee posted on this matter

VI. Updates on Projects: a brief presentation on each of the projects was given to the new members (see previous months minutes for project summary). The committee agreed on a proposal template. Each member volunteered to spearhead and do the research on a project. The committee agreed to present a draft proposal for their respective project by the next meeting.
   a. CBA and Economic Development- Carmen Morillo
b. West Harlem Business Association- Carmen Morillo 
c. Union and Contractors Workshops- Quenia Abreu 
d. Youth Forestry Program- voted to pass this project on to the Youth Education and Libraries Committee 
e. Survey of underdeveloped areas- Arnold Boatner 
f. Boat Tours from the West Harlem Piers- Marco Fei 
g. Events/Activities on the West Harlem Piers- Harriet Rosebud 
h. Reopen Amtrak Station on West 125th Street- Rodley Ferguson

VII. Action Item
   a. Minutes / Recorder
      • The committee agree to allow Carmen Morillo to continue to write the minutes until further notice
   b. District Needs - Committee Goals and Priorities – Committee Projects
      • Members were provided with copies of the Needs statement. The committee decided to table the discuss till December 2012

VIII. Old Business: None

IX. New Business: None

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 9:20pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 6th, 2012 @ 6:30pm at Board Office 16-18 Old Broadway.