

Community Board 9M
16-18- Old Broadway
New York City, NY 10027

Jan. 10,2019 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan. 10, 2019

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Broadway Houses 583 RSD

The roll was taken and 12 were present constituting a quorum at 6:44

The meeting was called to order by Chair PJ

AF/VE: To adopt the agenda– UNAM

CT/VE: To adopt the minutes with any necessary emendations – UNAM

Presentations

Presentation on the J. Max Bond Center for Urban Futures and other CCNY Developments by S. Rickenbacker [Assoc Prof Spitzer School of Architecture]

Noted that Bond was a prominent Black architect and the first Dean of the School of Architecture

Wants to help committees deal with gentrification and its attendant issues

Working on 135th Street River to river—wants our input

Offered space for CBmeetings

Presentation on Traffic calming on Amsterdam Av 111-155 Streets by E Pincar, JR Man Boro Commissioner and K Rancoust

Noted that there had been 50 persons killed in the corridor over the last 5 years

Presented slide show detailing their plans including installing bike lanes, left turn cutouts and a single lane for N and S bound traffic in most of the district.

A number of members of the community spoke on the plans

J Byers: worried about truck traffic and sight lines on the narrowing from two to one lane at 113 Sstreet

D Bassar: “A good step; cycling safety must trump parking

R Ruby; like the plan as people will not be stuck behind left hand turners

J Halpin: Likes it for pedestrians; for cyclists needs enforcement; the bike infrastructure does not work

V Betacourt: opposes the plan because it is selfish. Cyclists are a minority compared to autos and trucks

A Goselle: likes the plan; noted that Amsterdam is neglected at 144 Street [there are no crosswalks; need a left turn signal at 145 Street. Must have enforcement

Several CB members also spoke:

AF worried about the interaction between busses and bikers; Noted that along the corridor there are 5 bus lines [M-60. M11, M104, M 100. M101 and several are articulated]

VE recalled the history of the Riverside and Bway changes; wants to be certain the mistakes can be used to inform the Amsterdam plan

CT Noted the above failures and “the disaster at St Nicholas”

MW supported the plan, but stated that the plan must be carried out in conjunction with DEP’s street cleaning program

GMT called for enforcement

AT feels there should be an EIS due to increased conjection due to bottlenecks

TK noted that there must be work on the 110 street intersection: the northbound bike lanes are on the west side of the street below 110 street and are planned to be on the east side above 110: And south bound routing bikes to the west because there are no bike lanes on Bway or Riverside. Were they to go east Access to Columbus ave would have the bikers cross traffic to access the southbound lane. These are accidents waiting to happen.

He also decried the lack of plans for the 125th street intersection

PJ: wants a timeline and

EP replied that the plan is close to being set, but there still can be changes; asked for issues and a reso from the CB

Reports

Chair: PJ

in packet

Treasurer: AF

In packet

Reminded committees that to be eligible for discretionary funding "We need to have plans in by Feb Exec mtg as we and the city will need time to process them

DM: E Prince

In packet

Noted that a number of commissioners/liaisons are leaving

2/24 BP's State of Manhattan speech

2/8: deadline for apps for reappointment and new CB members

Committee Reports

Arts and Culture: JA

Working with WHDC in skills training

Exhibition of community art in the libraries will start at Bruce library after the tracks are installed. Opening slated for 2/1

Youth, Education: DMB

Reported that two WHDC grantees came to the last meeting and were most impressive

Parks/Landmarks: AC

Working on a West Harlem survey 135-155 east from Riverside Park. This is important because the area has been certified a eligible for inclusion in Historic Places.

VE re Columbia and the CBA

Drew attention to the fact that one clause allows community members too take courses for noncredit was publicized after the registration deadline. Md noted that CU says they have no money for the project, but they are still planning to complete the project by 2030

M Dunn decried the fact that Duane Reade had blocked it windows , thereby endanger the community utilizing the premises

The DM noted that there will be a pub hearing on the Janus project at 437 W 126.

Date 1/23

Place: Bway Housing

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectfully submitted

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P JOHN	PJ	P
V EDWARDS	VE	P
C THOMPSON	CT	P
A FLETCHER	AF	P
B WEINBERG	BW	
T KOVALEFF	TK	P
A BARRETT	AB	P
J ADEWUMI	JA	P
H ROSEBUD	HR	P
M DUNN	DUNN	P
M DULA	MD	P
A TYLER	AT	P
A CARRION	AC	P
J THOMAS	JT	
g MORGAN THOMAS	GMT	7:33
D MCTOSH-BROWN		

total 12

OTHER BD MEMBERS

M CUMMINGS

M WALLACE