Executive Committee Minutes
October 11, 2012
Community Board #9 Manhattan

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM. The previous minutes were not available. The agenda was adopted and seconded by BM and AB. Anthony Fletcher and Theodore Kovaleff were excused.

A presentation was given by Williams/Transco Gas co. Concerning the meter station at 134th street. Gerry McLaughlin and Mike Bedient and Tonio Burgos presented. They discussed the expansion of the supply of gas. The changing of the housing was discussed. A new plant is being built in New Jersey connecting and under the Hudson River pipeline to the meter station on the Riverside Drive. Enlargement of the existing pipes was discussed. The pipeline has existed in the site since 1951.

CS About the existing footprint? You have to increase the footprint? Now, you want to increase the capacity, you will use the existing structure but you are going to put more through it so does that mean you will enlarge the pipe or how exactly do you intend to do that?

GM The pipe that sits on top of the concrete structure needs to be expanded from 12 to 16 inch diameter on the existing concrete structure.

GM the pipe is 29 miles, it is roughly 60 years old. Tests were done on the existing pipe to ensure that the pipe is safe.

BM Do you have all the what if’s in place? I think you know what I mean by the what if’s

GM Yes I have saved that for the last pages. I can go over that now if you like.

CS Is your company doing the asbestos removal or another company?

GM We hired URS to do the air monitoring and we hired UNITECH to do the actual abatement, which will entail the essentially unbolting the transite siding and the roof, double bagging it Tagging it and then bringing it an approved landfill.

CS But that is someone else? UNITECH

GM Right. We cannot by law do it ourselves; we have to have someone else do it.

BM How long has this company being doing it? Do they have to have a special license to do it?

BM What is their safety record and how long have they been around. We have to live with this and I want to know?

GM UNITECH I don’t know. URS is a global company which will manage it for us with over 50,000 employees and we have triple checked that they will follow the process. We have another entity to
make sure that their process for securing the permits and the licenses did check out and I myself did that check also so we are sure about UNITECH?

BM That is not answering my question, how long have they been around? What is their safety record?"

Chair What we can do is get that information back to us, what he just said is that he doesn’t have that information right off the tip of his tongue but they vetted the company and he can get that information back to us and we can give it out at the General Board Meeting.

Further discussion of the building, its outer colors etc. were discussed. Marine construction, very little space on the Hudson River to work. They will stop short of the Kayak watch, they have identified and allocated parking spaces so that workers will have parking space and will not take up space in the neighborhood. We will have to re-route the bike path for five months as we did last year. Re-route the bike path up 12th ave. 132nd and 133rd and 135th street, up 132nd to 135 and then back to Riverside Drive. We worked with DOT last year to do this re-route. We got signs from the DOT and put up on polls in the area around to notify them of what is happening, we had signs put up near the bike path we had security guards put on each side to also each in both directions. We have asked this year for NYC police officers 24/7 on 135th and 132nd.

VG What cost did you incur last year, your company in terms of re-routing the bike path?

We purchased the re-route signs from the DOT and they cost in the $2 to $3 thousand dollar range and I could not speak on the security factor that was paid for by the company

VG Why are you choosing to this year go with the NYPD?

It takes a long time to get approved. I actually had to get myself approved. I had to file my social with the federal and state from our companies. I filed this last year and it is right now on Ray Kelly’s desk waiting for signature. It takes a long time to get approved to use police officers 24/7.

VG The use of police officers will not incur any expense to your company.

Oh yeah, they have an hourly rate.

VG You’ll be paying for them?

Its going to be full duty officers wearing their full uniforms only not just from one they will be like from the 26th or whatever, they will schedule and send somebody out to the site.

VG Now will there be any local hires’ in your operation for the five months?
The police in this area would be the only local hires and it would be up to the police who they bring on.

VG And out of your sub-contractors?

Only seven.

VG Out of your sub-contractors on a technical side, will there be any local hires?

GM We bid out to the local unions. Yes there will be work to skilled workers, welders, laborers. The fairway parking lot will be a place for loading and unloading.

JI North West on one side of the street or one on either sides of the street?

We took that direction last time, this time since it's such a short project

JI Your five month projected completion does that include the asbestos removal?

GM That takes two weeks we are going for a high tech asbestos free facility it is going to be an overall quieter operation. We will line the inside of the building with acoustic material to keep all that noise inside the building so you don't hear it and it is going to be an overall quieter operation. So you won't hear it when you're walking up and down that path. The color for the wall is a sandal and a natural Patina and this is the current coloring. There is a unit which we Unit on a ramp that is how we communicate. We are going to keep the same concrete foundation. It is a fully automated facility. If we have to change how it operates then we have to call Houston, Texas they punch in a number and then change occurs, depending on what Con Ed is asking for. That is the goal that is what we are looking for

CS I understand the concept of fully automated but as with anything sometimes things go wrong and you keep saying somewhere in Texas they are monitoring it, If something goes wrong, this is what if, but a necessary what if, what is going to happen? We have to wait until Texas communicates with this facility?

GM No mam, We monitor 24 hours, pressure, density and flow, we get read that on computer screens, and let's just say if something were to fail, let's just say one of those regulators that needs to go from 650 to 350, say it fails to open and now we are getting 650 into NYC we have what we call over pressure detecting devices and they are pneumatic. They are what we call dumb devices, they do one job and one job only senses that higher pressure and shut in that facility.

Chair There is a committee that is currently looking at who should be responsible here in NYC. Whether that should be a Con Ed rep, NY or FDNY or who would be the point person, because one of the concerns with some of the safety folk that have been working on this some of our
Council members have asked those questions; that has been one of the big ones for me. They are also looking at who would be available, manpower, who would be available to push the buttons, hit the switch, shut it down and it is being worked on by our local electives.

GM We do not design in a bubble. We operate here. We are your neighbor which is why we have sat down with the FDNY. In March of this year we sat down with folks and engineers and presented all the work that we are doing in NYC. They had some follow-up questions which we did supply answers to but they are satisfied with the measures that we have incorporated and it does go beyond this one facility. We have remote valves in New Jersey that if we could shut it anyway. Con Ed has valves which they could shut it immediately. So we have designed the worst scenario.

Chair There is a whole safety committee. We have experienced somethings here in this community already. We have a huge treatment facility and we just had something happen that nobody expected to happen just last year so we are really interested in protecting our environment and community and safety. We are no trying to be difficult. We have so many at risk services in this community that we just want to make sure that we put out concerns that we have and one of those is making sure that we have people who will respond right here and right now. We have talked about even with FDNY commands change, how we will make sure that as commands change that everybody at the command is familiar.

GM We make sure we talk to someone at least once a year to make sure we have point of contacts in place because people do retire etc.

BM Will the community be advised in case something happens? I know you are not going to put a siren or bells or whistles but we need to be advised if something is happening and being taken care of when it is happening not two days later like we found out about this other stuff. When it is happening within hours and what can we do to better protect ourselves if it does happen and nobody flips the switch, these things happen, we have a lot of what if’s and this is our community and that Sewage plant down there just dumped on us and now this looks like something else dumped on us. You have the safety measures, you have the it’s taken care of.

Chair I think that is being worked on, as of last night it is my understanding that whole safety issue is being worked on so, we can hear back from you guys when you feel like it is done. We as a community are still having discussions with members who are on the safety committee who are kind of hearing that.

GM From my point we are done. We have done the protections; we have sat down for hours we have sat down with FDNY. This is critical facility there are cameras in there, there are motion detectors in there we need to do what we can we enclose it in entirely by fence even on the marine portion to prevent any one access.

EW Can you tell us who on this community board is represented on the safety committee?
LW  The chair will keep us abreast of the necessary safety issues; we have an increase need for natural gas in the community, the elimination of coal which is environmentally sound.

Chair  I have become familiar with who the safety committee people are and we now as a board do have a person who serves on that committee who is interfacing with us, so we will continue to do that. One of the reasons I asked them to come is so that when you hear about this you would know and don’t become frightened and so there are people who are always going to be in place always to deal with this and Williams has been very cooperative and open and I have met with everybody in the city police, fire, sanitation etc..

BM  Is this done deal. Is it already done, it doesn’t matter what we say here, I mean they don’t need our permission is what I am trying to say.

Chair  We have to weigh in on the design and that is why we are here the design of the project in regards to the structure. The most important thing that they need from this board would be a resolution regarding the design.

JI  How have you been able to forecast to the future to see if you are going to have to keep doing this?

GM  No. There is redundancy. We have several tubes, we only run one so if we need to increase we simply open up another line.

VG  What is the total price tag on this project?

GM  for the Northeast project it is $341 million. For this particular anywhere from 12 to 18 thousand because it is in marine construction it such tight quarters it cost that much more.

VG  you’re working above and below water?

GM  The only below water is the anchoring of the barge. That is the only disturbance.

VG  The estimated time of the barge being in position.

GM  The whole five months

VG  In respect to the design you said you went to the public design commission]?

GM  we are in front of the public commission now.

VG  And could you explain that function for me?

GM  we design the typing that is what we do and the building exterior through our cost they informed us that the PDC is going to have a say they want to make sure that it flows with the surrounding areal
VG  If there were to be discussion to make the panel that faces inland LED discussion or rotating murals could that discussion be feasible. If we wanted to have a fountain as a corporate neighbor would that be possible.

LW  I think we are here to allow this committee to resolve with a resolution the comments we will take it back to the PDC and say that the community had vested xyz. They obviously will require full regulation. We do not want the whole world to know about it.

VG  They only know the noise. We are talking muted colors, I think there should be dialogue there is also security intent, but I think there should be dialogue specifically related to the design of that structure and I don’t want it to be business as usual and we just go with the basic narrow when we have such an important corporate neighbor. If we don’t do it there maybe the corporate neighbor will assist us in doing it in another section of that area. That’s all I am saying.

AB  It could be a mile away so that nobody will pay attention. If you are looking for a corporate offset.

VG  I think this is the correct dialogue to have with a corporate neighbor who has such intrinsic service to Con Ed. Is anyone else supplying Con Edison through the Hudson River? I rest my case.

I    You mentioned total I project amount 314 million how many other projects of your systems coming up from Texas to Canada are you making upgrades on?

GM  we are installing two pipelines in Pennsylvania a pipeline from New York to New Jersey various facility modernizations especially in New York cause this is and two upgrades pipeline up grades from Staten Island to Brooklyn 26 inches.

JI  So basically all the upgrades are at the end of the line?

GM  The majority are almost half and half. We have a fair amount of work on the up state side in order to bring that gas in order to bring that gas here,

ST  Has your company had any bad accidents? What did you learn from that?

GM  Yes we have. That is a good question. We had a failure a rupture in our 90 it occurred November 14 2000 at 7:45 in the morning. There was corrosion on the longitudinal base. This particular corrosion signature kept getting wider but going longer and didn’t grow like normal. We as required by the DOT, need to assess certain aspects of the pipeline by one of three means, we could do a hydro test where we evaporate the gas fill it up with pressure with water and pressurize it like we did to prove that there is no defects or we could a direct assessment by digging up the pipe by looking at it to prove there is no corrosion, or we run a feed line inspection. It is a very sophisticated piece of technology where we put at tool inside the pipeline we push this tool through our pipeline and it throws out this magnetic flux and as that flux comes back to the tool it will measure the strength of that flux.
and prove that we can determine if there are any dents, corrosion or anomalies of any nature and it will tell us where to dig online within feet.

ST    You can do that?

GM    We will do that. Our first step was to do that hydro test. What I did not point out on the new piping what you don’t see on slide five is a pig trap so from here going forward instead of shutting down the bike path all our language will run this tool through the pipeline and then we collect the electronic data on that and we can show that our pipe is structurally sound and free of any defects. So that one incident in Appomatics the pig tool could not recognize was not programmed to look for that specific signature because it was so unique. What we took from the lessons learned we updated the software and we shared it with the industry even though we have competitors out there, it benefits all of us to keep our safe natural gas pipeline.

Does your company function in other cities?

GM    We start in Texas and come all the way up the Eastern seaboard into New York City, so a lot.

JI    We have an outreach program as outlined in the American Petroleum Institute and there are guidelines on how we reach out to our neighbors and inform them remind them that there are gas pipelines there so that we are a good neighbor.

JI    And also in operating in that community most businesses have a responsibility to assist in development of the community in which they function.

VG    It’s called corporate responsibility not development.

Chair    Part of is required for our board is to weigh in on the design so. Thank you.

The architect followed up with the designs and colors of the meter station. He had sketches concerning the station. Building all metal and insulated to keep noise down. The buildings primary function is to hide the pipes.

VG    I would like to ask a question of the engineer, When the board was dealing with the development of the pier we also had a detailed description of building and what was on the inside and one of the questions is it all metal now?

Engineer Right now the building is transite material with 55%.

VG    With it being all metal what are the provisions for lightning,

ENG    It will have a grounding system associated with it so that if it loses power we have a battery back-up system. That is power with enough capacity to last days I don’t have exact days. Upon which time if there is still no power available our requirement mandates that we man and insist that we put personnel out there.
VG If it comes down the deep of the middle from the George Washington Bridge and then cascades over towards he coast line. Which way does it come straight from Jersey?

Straight from Jersey, Edgewater.

ST The lights.

The only lights on the building itself would be are what is required for codes and emergency lighting and convenience lighting.

AB What scares me what is keeping the nutcases from it?

CT They haven’t been over there all this time.

VG The only time there was a situation previously was when we had a homeless community that was in that area.

GM We do have a dialogue with the police community.

Chair We will take April and Javier and then we will cut it off.

The only construction will be on the barge? That is one question. What sort of impact, if any for the off ramp traffic from the Henry Hudson Parkway because that is right there.

The advantage of a pre engineered building is that literally it is an erector set. It is just a matter of bolting it together. The construction of the building itself will take about a week and then getting rid of most of the steel.

JC I was wondering are the colors mandated by the design commission?

That is our next stop. The color is basically selected based on what we believe was appropriate for surrounding context.

Chair They will be presenting at the General Board next week. So you can think about it and we will be putting forward a resolution and everyone will be able to weigh in.

PJ So what is the time line, since you mentioned a resolution several times? Is this being referred to a committee; how is this resolution going to come about?

Chair Actually, since we don’t have a chair for Health and Environment that is why we asked them to come here and so we are going to draft a resolution in lieu of the Chair of Health not being available and presenting it at the General Board.

Your resolution will reflect the comments that this committee had with respect to the design.

There is going to be an ongoing dialogue with the community board, Chair and Vice Chair as we continue to move forward with the facility. If you want us to come back before the Health Committee because there are still safety issues we will be happy to come back but this project is moving rather quickly with
the review committee of the City and they will have the final say with respect to the code requirements and what it is going to look like. The community we honestly want you to give us some comments which we will put forward but at the end of the day we need to forward with getting the final design in place for the facility.

Chair What will happen is that before the General Board we will have a resolution to presently.

PJ So between now and the General Board we will need a summary of the comments that will be reflected in that draft resolution will be circulated to individuals here to see does it indeed have picked up the comments from tonight and if anybody has any further opportunity or if there is anything else.

Chair In the interest of time I don’t have my report in the package I am just going to go with the outline./ It will be in the package for General Board The Community Board has been involved in a lot of work. There has been a lot of work going on in the Parks Department regarding the stairs at Tiemann Place and St. Clare’s place we are actually developing a scope of work. Our Park’s committee has already begun with the Parks Dept. a scope of work. There will be a presentation at our November General Board meeting at which time that scope of work will be presented. Are they coming back to you committee before the General Board?

CT Is who coming back?

Chair Margaret Brack of the Parks Dept. They will be back at the Parks Dept. before the General Board but we have actually already walked through with them from Riverside down through Tiemann Place looking what work this board has put forth for many years requesting that we have money. There is currently $650K allocated between Council Woman Dickens and the Borough President to get this work done. I really spend a lot of time following up with our elected that have the money to allocate for a lot of the projects. Also we have talked to a lot of private people about working on Tiemann place stairs and St. Clare’s so we are still hoping to do some beautiful work there. Specifically at the bottom where St. Clare’s comes down to 12th avenue. So we are hoping that maybe Coca Cola will do that work for us. But we are going to keep on talking and calling and meeting with them to try to get then on board. This Board also as involved in the making of the Teachers College Community school video and the Ribbon cutting which was wonderful event. I would like to thank member insell for the work that she has done on the Teachers College Community School leadership team. I met with parents. After enrolling their children in the school they were informed that they would only have after school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. So we are in the process of talking about and Harlem School of the Arts actually donated some equipment to be used. I talked with Nancy and Ann as well as Teachers College as well as the WHLD to look at whether or not we can remedy this situation and make sure there is after school Monday through Friday and that the children don’t end up in an adverse situation or without that kind of support. There have been multiple discussions with representative of the safety committee for Williams Transport and OB Bing who will be available to come to our committee and be available to talk with us a little more grassroots. I think a meeting with him has really helped me understand what is going on and better understand how this natural gas has been coming
into our community and also to know what some of the concerns should be. Having been a Con Ed engineer has been very diligent working on our behalf and he is one of the community persons who are really keeping on it. He is a part of the safety committee that they put in place. Part of my concern is that all of this was going on and we were not at the table and that is one of the reasons that I really stayed on it until I was able to get Mr. Diaz here a representative for Williams. Also, we have been having meetings with minority construction owners and architects who make me smile because for so many years we have been sitting at the table saying we need to have people working in our communities. We need to have women and minority businesses involved in all of this development and construction but we never seem to be able to get that to happen. One, because either the minority companies either don’t work with unions or because they can’t bond. And so with the help of some of our community members, and other development companies and some of our board members we have finally identified some construction companies as well as architectural firms that are owned by minorities and that are able to bond 100 million dollars who work with the unions and who are willing to do the OSHA training and the scaffolding training for our community for free so that people can get on the job. When started bringing that up the gentlemen said we can do that for free and we can make sure that people pass. We make sure people pass those tests. I am really excited about that so that we can sit down with Columbia University because one of these companies has been bidding with Columbia and Columbia has not been selected so he has been selected to do some other work with Columbia and don’t understand if this person owns a company and he can bond for 100 million dollars and he is working with Columbia I am not understanding why he has not been accepted. So that is one of the things we will be sitting down with Columbia to see about getting these folks on. The architect is a gentlemen who has been doing interior design architect work, Lou Schwitzer Group that has been working with Walt Disney and Citibank a whole host of big companies and it is minority owned so again, we want to now sit down at the table with Columbia and say this is a person who is of the caliber that anybody that you can find. I am really excited about that because it means that our board will finally be able to open the gate for the residents in our community to be able to get hired. Not just as laborers but to be able to work on the interior of the buildings to work as landscapers on a lot of these projects just a whole scope. There is a legal scope. There is a whole scope of jobs not just labor jobs so we are really on board with that. I attended the Hispanic Heritage celebration with Bianca Perez who is one of the leaders of the Dominican Bar Association was honored. She is a dynamic young woman and it was really good to see her being honored. I also met with Robert Jackson about the re-zoning. I am going to have Pat and Javier give us an update on that in a minute. Many discussions with the Department of Environmental Conservation who will be coming to our Board meeting on Thursday night with a team of eight people who will talk to us about that 1.2 million dollars that so many of our Board members have stayed on. Ms. Ann Rocker has done phenomenal work. That has been a long time coming. We will be looking at that money going into improving the environment of this community so that is something we can be excited about. They will give us an over view and talk to us about how that will translate, what we can do who can tap into that money etc. and what their guidelines and requirements will be. Of course everyone knows that I met with Ellen Baxter with Broadway housing. I have just received e-mail this afternoon that now there is horrendous noise the drilling is louder at 8:00Am in the morning. Our board was able to help Ellen see the importance of the drilling stopping at 6:00PM. She did indicate that the construction manager did not want to work a half shift. They found the 3edrock was harder than
they thought. Drilling will end in another week. I attended the meetings about re-districting. I advise everybody to look at it. We need to weigh in. People testified at the Hearing.

There are four versions of maps that include district 7 and one of the things that people were saying at the testimony is that they would like another round of public hearing so that the calendar is currently set they will re-create the map supposedly based on community feedback and then submit the facts to the City Council for either approval or rejection and what people were asking for was another round of community hearings so that we can make sure that they actually did incorporate the comments of the community.

The other thing is that PS 86 has finally signed the Boys and Girls Club has finally signed their lifting of the deed restriction. They have gotten their signed HPD contract for the subsidized housing. They have actually entered into an agreement with HPD that 70% of the units there will be 85 units of housing 70% will be affordable 30% will be market and that the 70% will be 80% of the AMI which comes out to $40,000 for a family of two, for a family of five that will come out to about $49,800. So that it is affordable. I actually want to share what some of the rents will be. It will be about $939 for a studio that might be high but that is not but they are subsidized and a family end up paying a lesser portion.

They should be breaking ground June of 2013 and finished by 2016. We as a board have continued to support them and assisted them in getting some funds during the summer for their summer programs.

BM I have had a chance to see whether the vouchers I signed have come through or not. My report will be in the packet next week.

EP The District Manager gave her report. October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Would like to make special emphasis on the Budget. The treasurer and I met last week to discuss our Capital for both and Expense Budget request. It is a timetable of what we worked out about how we are going to have our Public for Chairs to review the previous years and also any new requests that you would like to add. Thus far, 8 agencies have submitted request. We will be holding a Public Hearing on Monday, the 22nd. We checked the calendar and there are no meetings that week. Submission on the 25th of October.

CT Where is it going to be?

EP At the district office. Barbara and I opted to have it at the 16-18 Old Broadway address.

CS If there is something new to add how do we submit a proposal?

EP You can submit it to myself or the Treasurer or the Assistant Treasurer, I am asking that it goes through the committee chairs>

CS This is something that does not have a committee chair, specifically the CERT Team.

EP Submit to me or the treasurer.

CT Monday I am going to the District Attorney’s Domestic Violence.
EP  It is to make folks aware that it is not just Husband and Wife, boyfriend and girlfriend it involves the whole family composition and folks should be comfortable with reporting it. There was also emphasis on protecting your valuables. The I phone and devices so the police are urging people to start registering their devices. Also, in November there are three holidays. I have included drafts of the November and December calendars. I am asking the committee chairs to review them and get back to me. Some meetings have been re-scheduled.

VG  Is there going to be a Christmas party this year?

Chair  I think that we should get together and get to know one another. I would like us all to come together and feel a little more connected.

PJ  Gave a review of the rezoning. A compromise was given between the R7A and R8A. The compromise was the R7D. Harlem School of the Arts has asked that the lot adjoining the school be exempted from zoning. The Land use people of the City Council have stated no individual property owners can be supported. Robert has spoken with the Land use and no one is adverse to taking the boundary and moving it over one block. He is not arguing the R7A. We are having our regular Land use meeting on Monday night. Anyone who has questions should attend that meeting.

Chair  We have a few action items. Can we move quickly on them?

CT  There should be two liquor licenses on the agenda only one is there Amir. It should be two. The second is Freebird Restaurant and the First is Amir. They were approved by the 26th precinct.

BM  How long have they been there?

CT  A long time.

BM  Are we going to approve them or not?

CT  I am recommending that you approve them. There are two co-naming of streets; one is for firefighter James J. Ward which is in your packet as well. The other one is George Carlin. Yes, I have been dealing with that for a year now. Finally, we got it straight. He brought me all the papers at the last meeting and finally, it is going to move forward. It is going to come up next Thursday.121st and Amsterdam. This has been an ongoing project. The other one is a firefighter who lost his life 50 years ago, 150th street between Broadway and Amsterdam. Firefighters from Engine Company in 139th got together and decided they wanted to do this memorial for this gentleman who lost his life. His family is coming in on the 17th of November. They are going to have a small celebration. I made it clear to them they could not close the street due to the fact that they do not have a permit. The block association has not objection the Tabernacle has no objection. It will only be about 1and ½ hours that they want to dedicate this to the firefighter. That is in your packet as well.
Chair  Any old business?

A  There is no clawback clause on the deed restriction of PS 186 if the Boys and Girls club cannot perform financially construction reasons, whatever, we have a problem. Is there any way we can take the path of the City and say we are going to have to re-group here and do something different and also, there is some

Chair  There are time lines. It clearly states that they have to be finished with construction by December 2016.

A  It does have some parameters but it does not have the clause for a clawback.

Chair  So what are you recommending?

A  I am recommending that we request that the whoever the party is that is in charge of the document put the clawback clause in the real estate language and that is something that happens a lot.

Chair  They went through this contract over and over again and did not see the need so we can bring that up.

PJ  What is totally absent from this deed restriction is what the penalty is if they don’t complete and one of the penalties might be a clawback. It might be something else. I am just mentioning that this is totally silent as to the parties what the actions punitive or alternative or whatever. So it does mention clawback but it is silent.

A  The other thing I want everybody to know is if the Boys and Girls Club cannot put the building back together in a historic manner they could get an approval from HPD to just go ahead and not put Minerva’s face back up or put the H’s in the same configuration, they could do a different look to building and in order to get the 85 units that we all want the affordable housing they could choose to do it in a number of different ways so in order to keep a historical look to the building we as a CB9 group is for the Boys and Girls Club who now historic backing to get their tax credit to go ahead and Landmark the building.

PJ  read some of the document that says if they default the city could re enter and take disposition of the building.

Chair  They were told if this building was not built by December 2016 that they were done. I think we need to support them in their effort.

JC  I do think that if they have all their tax credits this would be the time to landmark the building if that is their wish. They said way back that it would be a financial strain, but now it is no longer an argument so I think we should landmark the building.
BM  It would be a financial strain at this time

VG  The Board is not in solidarity on this issue. People need to find another strategy; some much talk came about 186 that the district be damned. It gives the board a public face of not being able to make a determination as to when it has done what we can do. There are segments on this board who would screw Boys and Girls club to the wall before they give credit to anything that has been accomplished. As a board member I am sick of hearing about 186. If you are going to do something, then go ahead and do it. Do not eat up our time. Either stand down or stand on somebody. We have not dealt with by laws changing and I think the time is now. I am asking that there be some dialogue on what items should be dealt with concerning the by-laws. Our public face does not appear that we are doing stuff.