

COMMUNITY BOARD 9 MANHATTAN

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE – April 18 2023

The April Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meeting was held on April 18, 2023 via zoom.

Attendees: Jonathan Sinagub, Pat W. Johnson, Edwin Torres, Carolyn Thompson, Monique H. Cordero, Miriam Aristy-Farer, Heather Jason, Eutha Prince, LaQuita Henry // meeting chaired by V. Edwards

The meeting was called to order at 6:45.

- Member M. H. Cordero - **Senior Resource Fair** (May 2) reminder to all members of the event
 - Chair Edwards noted that this event would also serve as an Open House for the new CB9 office location.
- Member J. Sinagub stated it would be great to have more committee meetings in public venues, making them accessible to community residents.
 - Several attendees make suggestions of local spaces that could be considered – The Prince Hall, NYCHA’s 2 community center, CUNY campus etc.
- Member H. Jason informed the group of the West Harlem Historic Conference on June 10.
- **CBA Sect. IV Item. L** - refers to WHDC with the assistance of Columbia creating “bulk oil purchasing group” for local HDFC’s. In addition, this cooperative effort could be utilized to retro-fit HDFC buildings with more “Green energy saving measures”. The SPC Chair will explore this item further with the Housing Committee and WHDC.
- Member P. W. Johnson informed the committee that as a part of the City’s Capital Plan an elevator would be installed at the 137th /Broadway subway station. In terms of the elevator to be located at 125th St Station, she stated that meetings were still being through Assemblyman O’Donnell office.
- Member J. Sinagub noted that City Planning called for study for Safety/Access at the 125th St station. J. Sinagub was conferring with member T. Kovaleff for any notes on such a study.
- **CBA Sect. VIII Item C1/ Item E**– at the request of the WHDC Columbia U to provide 5000sq Ft of artist space for local neighborhood artist and provide technical/business advice to local art and cultural organization through the schools MBA students.
 - The Chair noted that both items were currently being discussed with the WHDC to provide implementation.
- **CBA Sect. VIII, Item I** – At the request of the WHDC Columbia U will provide economic and business advice to local businesses through the schools MBA students.
 - Ideas suggested:
 - use empty storefront locations as mobile classrooms,
 - provide participants with stipends,
 - Cap stone projects,
 - Columbia Small Business Development Center

- Several Members expressed interest in developing a closer working relationship with CUNY, noting their proximity to the District and their various excellent resources.
- As the meeting close members inquired about getting area residents more involved and how to reach out to them,
 - Suggestions: Columbia Spectator, Next Door, Resident Associations and NYC street Kiosks.

Meeting Adjourned -8.15 pm