

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

February 16, 2016

Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive

Attending Committee Members

Victor Edwards - Chair,
Linda Walton \ Joel Mentor
LaQuita Henry \ Brad Taylor

Guest

Taylor Smith – Columbia Spectator
Shaun Williams – community resident

The meeting was opened at 6:50 p.m. A motion was made to accept the agenda and minutes, both were accepted.

WHDC Grantees

- The committee reviewed a list of the CBO's that had recently received grants from the WHDC.
- Several committee members noted that many of CBO's that receive grants from the WHDC do not connect with the community board committees.
- The Chair informed the committee that 40% of the CBO's funded during this recent cycle were from outside the boundaries of CB 9. Chair Edwards also noted that a letter was sent to each Grantee through the WHDC introducing CB9 and detailing each committee, along with each committee's meeting dates. One Board Member noted that their committee had taken the initiative and reached out to 2 of the grantees to arrange a meeting.
- The question arose whether or not the WHDC seat vacated by Yvonne Stennett had been filled by a Board Member. The Chair stated that to the best of his knowledge, Chair P. John would be filling the vacant seat.

New CB9 Website

- Joel Mentor reviewed some of the website enhancements that had been suggested to be incorporated into the new CB9 website.
- The following were some of committee's suggestions for the redesign:
 - Simpler to navigate website
 - Enhanced website appears (photos of the District)
 - Additional useful links (CBA, WHDC, Elected Officials,)
 - An ongoing projects section (P.S. 186, Marine Transfer station etc.)
 - Interactive maps and Language translator
 - Interactive calendar (Goggle calendar)
 - Ability to subscribe and unsubscribe for E- Blast
- All suggestions will be considered before final review.
- A reception to launch the new website would be discussed with the Board Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.