STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday May 22, 2014
Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive

Attending Committee Members
Victor Edwards Co-Chair, Arnold Boatner, Harriet Rosebud, LaQuita Henry (via telephone) Catherine Abate
Kimberly Camron

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 p.m. with a quorum. The agenda were adopted as reques with additional items under new business by La Quita Henry.

Updates

➢ Columbia – Co-Chair Edwards began the meeting with a review of the spreadsheet that was being developed with comments on the programs from Columbia University’s (CU) community engagement website.

  o Dental Screening for seniors – Member Abate informed the committee that the dental screening team would be set-up at the upcoming senior housing forum to be held on 6/14/14. In addition, she stated that CU attempts to work with seniors who require follow-up care after the screening process but who don’t currently have medical insurance.

  o Medical Tech Training Program – Member Rosebud though it would a good idea to have a CU representatives at the upcoming Cultural Fair to provide information about this program. Member Edwards provide member Rosebud with the contact info for Victoria Mason-Ailey to make a request for a representative to attend the Cultural Fair.

  o Shuttle Bus for Seniors/ Disabled residents – It still unclear whether the issues with the CU shuttle buses stopping for residents has been resolved. Follow-up will be required from Ernestine Welch to obtain recent information.

➢ Economic Development Committee - Member Boatner informed the SPC committee that his E.D.committee was currently attempting through research to indentify how many CB9 residents were actually employed at the Manhattanville site work site.

Reports – There were no committees prepared to report at this evening’s meeting.

Next Steps -Member Edwards suggested that Victoria Mason Ailey be invited to the next committee meeting to provide answers to some of the questions that had been raised about the programs under the CU community engagement program. He will be reaching out to Ms. Mason-Ailey.

New Business - WHDC – Member Rosebud stated that she was concerned about the new direction of the WHDC granting process which could potentially eliminate funding for many of the arts organizations. Harriet continued by stating she would like to have the WHDC provide answers to:

  • Why was new a direction and criteria established for this grant cycle?
  • Could a list of organizations that were accepted and rejected be provided to the Board?
Harriet asked if one of our CB 9 representative from the WHDC attend the next SPC meeting to provide insight to the new policies for the grants. Co-Chair Edwards stated that he would inquire whether someone could attend the next meeting to address her concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.