

CHAIRMAN REPORT
COMMUNITY BOARD NINE MANHATTAN
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1. **M-District West Harlem Rezoning.** New York City Landmarks Commission has indicated that it intends to move forward with designating a portion inside of the M-District as a historical district. This will affect approximately ten buildings which are owned by Janus Development. Obviously Janus Development is opposed to the designation. It is my understanding that there were earlier discussions that Landmarks would consider de-calendaring the buildings. It is my understanding that City Planning, Landmarks and the Developers will be meeting to discuss and hopefully resolve the matter. I have referred the matter our Landmarks Committee. I am requesting that the General Board take a position at our March Meeting.

2. **CITARELLA.** EDC has received Request For Interest for a Developer at the Citarella site. At Land-Use, EDC will give the Board a general update on the responses. I have also received a request for the head of EDC to speak at our Executive. I have request that CB9 be allowed to review the proposals submitted. EDC has resisted that request on the basis that it would not want to disclose the name and amount of proposed development and that they are concerned about CB9 exerting "political influence" on the process. I have taken the position that while sensitive to EDC, representatives from CB9 should review proposed developers before a final decision is made and be allowed input. Under EDC proposal, they would pick the developer and we will be put in a position of either accepting or rejecting that one recommendation.

3. The Borough President in his State Of The Borough Speech commended CB 9 on our work on the West Harlem Rezoning. I spoke with City Planning this week and there is no new information to offer. Work is ongoing on the Environmental Impact Statement. We will be sending a follow up Letter on the last Community Meeting held with CB9 after the February Exec Meeting.

4. I will be meeting with the Borough President Office to review reappointments and new appointments to Board in the next several weeks

5. WHLDC is meeting on February 17 to adopt By-Laws and vote on reconfiguration of WHLDC Board. WHLDC will attend the March 2011 meeting to give an update.

6. I was interviewed by WKRC 89.9 on the Manhattanville Project. Additionally, Columbia will be coming to the March 2011 Board meeting to discuss the distribution of air conditioners and other issues.

7. Attached to my report are two resolutions that Borough President submitted to Borough Board for a vote in March. They have been directed to Uniform Services and Housing.

Respectfully Submitted

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