

**MINUTES of  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
WEST HARLEM PIERS COMMITTEE  
DECEMBER 1ST, 2020**

Committee Members Present:

Co-Chairs: Joyce Adewumi and Maritta Dunn.

John George, John-Martin Green, David Hanzal, Venessa Jones,

Johnathan Sinagub

Board Members: Victor Edwards, 2nd Vice-Chair;

Visitors: Stephen Caruso, DSNY, Dept of Sanitation, Ms. Yhun Chin,

Ziad Ramadan, Executive Director, WHDC;

The meeting was convened at 6:45PM

Marine Transfer Station: A short presentation of the MTP Investment Corp original presentation was made by Maritta Dunn. Mr. Caruso stated that MTP work was impressive but at this time the Sanitation Dept did not have an interest in moving on the Marine Transfer Station. Mr. Caruso said that he will speak with others at the Sanitation Department regarding the MTP Investment Presentation.

West Harlem Piers: Columbia University Benefit Agreement contains an agreement of \$500,000 per year extending from 2008 for the next 24 years for the Park at the West Harlem Piers. The sum is increased by 3% annually. To date we have not received any information about the use of this fund. Also Council member Mark Levine has given dedicated funds to rebuild the kayak launches at the West Harlem Piers and to date, nothing has been done.

Small Businesses: Ms. Chin spoke of the Small Business Collaborative working on a plan for our district. Committee members Johnathan Sinagub stated that he took a

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walk throughout our area to address the needs of the small businesses. In many instances they are unable to access the funds offered by the government for a number of reasons. In some cases, they are the only one working, in some cases they don't

keep the type of records needed to acquire financial support. In some cases, their rent is so high they can hardly survive. In addition, there are a number of people working from home or in an office. Because of this, they are harder to provide assistance. Further discussion on how to help and support small businesses must continue.

As we go forward, we must look at other uses for local property. Ms. Chin has agreed to share a list of small businesses and artists that she is preparing. We look forward to receiving it.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30PM

The next meeting is

Tuesday, February 2nd, 2021

Starting sharply at 6:30PM