

Community Board 9 Manhattan

Economic Development/Harlem Piers Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Location: Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive, at 135th Street

Called to order at 6:40pm | Quorum achieved at 6:45pm

Attending Members: Quenia Abreu (co-chair), Jose Taveras (co-chair), Maritta Dunn, Basia Nikonorow, Nick Smith

Non-Attending Members: Nekpen Osuan

General Public Attendees: Lance Demonteiro, Brian Goldrich

Guests: Monique Caines (LegalShield)

Presentation: Legal Shield

- Works with small business & families for access to legal services for a monthly fee.
 - Family Rate: \$15.95 per month
 - For businesses:
 - Less than 10 employees \$39
 - 11 to 99 employees: \$79
 - 100 or more employees: \$119
 - Document reviewed by lawyers are free up to 15 pages.
- Partnering Law Firm: Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C. (based in Happaugue, NY)
- All services are done over the phone.
- Unlimited access to counsel but NOT representation. However, there is a 25 percent discount on legal services and representation. Also, referrals to other legal offices available should the partnering law firm is not available.
- Assistance in Spanish Available.
- Members are assigned to an attorney when needing representation, but can request a change of attorneys if needed.

Creation of a Merchants Association in West Harlem:

- Committee will contact the 125th Street Business Improvement District and the Columbia-Amsterdam Merchant's Association (and possible other entities) to their next meeting.
- Activities and Goals To Be Conducted:
 - Basia: Will conduct research on successful nearby merchants associations, primarily the New Harlem East Merchants Association, Harlem Park to Park, Bradhurst Merchants Association.
 - Maritta: will identify businesses interested in joining the association (with interns).
 - Quenia and Jose: will schedule a meeting with Mark Levine's office for potential offering of resources (interns) and funding.
- New York Women's Chamber of Commerce will be the leading organization in the creation of the new merchants association.

Marine Transfer Station

- Committee will need to contact Council Member Mark Levine's office, Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), NYC Economic Develop Corporation (EDC) and other potential primary stakeholders like La Floridita and Dinosaur BBQ.

- Invite Commissioner of DCAS, Lisette Camillo for a meeting with CB9 over the Marine Transfer Station. Nick will try to set up the meeting.

New Job Center

- The committee will invite Kofi and the head of the newly created job center (sponsored by the West Harlem Development Corporation) to talk about the job center that opened in December 2016.
- Committee members will visit the job center in their free time.

City Hall

- 21 bills on construction safety proposed by the City Council .
- ED/HP committee will check the small business committee of the city council to see on the status of the Small Business Job Survival Act.
 - Joint hearing between Economic Development and Oversight committees will be held on 2/14.
- Will need to provide a list of landlords of commercial space and see who are the worst abusers to commercial tenants.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10pm.