



**Economic Development/West Harlem Piers Committee Members:**

Co-Chairs: Hon. Joyce Adewumi & Hon. Michael Gross

Hon. Gregory Brito, Hon. Andrea Brecker, Hon. Clotilde Monguya, Hon. Marrita Dunn

DATE: March 3, 2026

TIME: 6:30 PM

**MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

**Committee members present:** Joyce Adewumi, Michael Gross, Andrea Brecker, Gregory Brito, Clotilde Monguya

**Committee members absent:** Marrita Dunn

**Other public member attendees:** Waymon Whiting

**Call to Order** – 6:40 PM

**Adopt Agenda** – Accepted

**Adopt Minutes** – Minutes were adopted.

**I. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements**

- a. Introduction of Committee members, and Board members.
- b. **Working with the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Clinic at Columbia Law School.** Michael Gross discussed the Entrepreneurship and Community Development Clinic at Columbia Law School's partnership with this committee. This Clinic has met with Michael Gross and is currently working on putting together the form for businesses in the Community District to fill out. This committee discussed what outreach could look like to ensure that the residents of the Community District know about the Clinic, including developing a flyer and reaching out to business development organizations. The Clinic will be able to help businesses with issues like incorporation and general transaction-related legal questions.
- c. **Hudson River Community Sailing.** Robert Burke provided updates on the work of Hudson River Community Sailing (HRCS). HRCS is a non-profit youth development and community sailing organization. They develop partnerships with public schools through their Sail Academy and provide maritime recreation education to the city at large. Robert Burke discussed bringing HRCS's programming to the West Harlem Piers, especially as



Dyckman Marina is closing for reconstruction in 2026. He stated that he wished for HRCS to draft a resolution in support of HRCS receiving approval from the Economic Development Corporation to provide programming on the West Harlem Piers.

## **II. Subcommittee Reports.**

- a. West Harlem Piers.** This committee reestablished the West Harlem Piers subcommittee and named Andrea Brecker as its chair. The ad-hoc West Harlem Piers subcommittee will meet either monthly or bimonthly to discuss the challenges facing the West Harlem Piers. Lailah Hall, Waymon Whiting, Clotilde Monguya, Yuein Chin and Ira Gerschenhorn all indicated interest in joining this subcommittee.
- b. Strategic Planning Taskforce.** Greg Brito provided an update on how the Strategic Planning Taskforce is taking a closer look at how the West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) invests their funds into the district's businesses and non-profit organizations. He noted that a large portion of the WHDC's funds are invested in the arts and that a lot of organizations in the district do not know about the availability of WHDC funds. The Strategic Planning Taskforce discussed ways in which more outreach could be conducted, and also noted that programming for seniors should be allocated more funding.

## **III. Old Business.**

- a.** No old business was reported.

## **IV. New Business.**

## **V. Action Items**

- a. Hudson River Community Sailing.** Drafting a Letter of Support for HRCS to bring their programming to the West Harlem Piers.
- b. Working with the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Clinic at Columbia Law School.** Conducting outreach to businesses in the District to ensure the form and flyer get to as many people as possible.
- c. Creation of the West Harlem Piers Subcommittee.** Working to create this subcommittee and establishing meeting times and issues to focus on.

## **VI. Adjourn**

- a.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**Next CB9 Economic Development/West Harlem Piers Meeting: Tuesday, April 7, 2026**



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The minutes are respectfully submitted by Michael Gross.