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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: May 4, 2026

TIME: 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendees:

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

Committee members absent: Michael Gross

Other public member attendees:

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.

II. Subcommittee Reports.

- a. **West Harlem Piers.** This committee discussed whether the West Harlem Piers should function as a standalone committee or remain a subcommittee of the Economic Development Committee. Joyce Adewumi explained that the piers were originally a separate committee but were merged with this committee because of overlapping interests and the expectation that the waterfront would generate economic opportunities for the community. The committee decided that the piers should continue to be treated as part of the Economic Development and West Harlem Piers Committee rather than as an independent entity. Andrea Brecker has contacted both the New York City Parks Department and the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) seeking information on future plans for the West Harlem Piers.
- b. **Strategic Planning Taskforce.** Greg Brito did not provide any new updates.



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III. Old Business.

- a. **Planning for a Small Business Symposium.** Discussions were had regarding our ability to plan a small business Symposium in September. The Forum was decided as an appropriate venue, with the second floor providing an opportunity for breakout rooms.

IV. New Business.

- a. **City Water Day on July 25th.** Lailah Hall shared that she was planning City Water Day with the Harlem Congregation for Community Improvement. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the West Harlem Piers and is meant to increase awareness of environmental sustainability and climate issues affecting Harlem, while also celebrating the waterfront through educational activities and community engagement. Lailah Hall expressed an interest in involving the Community Board in tabling or other events, and would reach out to District Manager Eutha Prince.

V. Action Items

- a. **District Needs Assessment.** This committee decided they would begin working on the district needs assessment, which is due in the fall and includes providing budget priorities and an analysis of the most pressing issues for economic development in the district.
- b. **Planning for a Small Business Symposium.** This committee will begin planning for this event and contacting partner organizations.

VI. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Next CB9 Economic Development/West Harlem Piers Meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026

The minutes are respectfully submitted by Michael Gross.