

CB 9 Economic Development-Harlem Piers Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

Committee members in attendance: Arnold Boatner (chair), Quenia Abreu, Erik George, Jose Taveras

Community members: Mary Caldwell, Charles Calloway

Meeting called to attention: 6:41pm

Reviewed Agenda

UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 1) MWBE Certification Seminar- Quenia Abreu gave an update on the MWBE workshop given in conjunction with Harlem EDC. Women entrepreneurs in the community want to know how to obtain state contracts.
- 2) Columbia 3599 Broadway Construction Project update- Boatner gave an update on the Columbia construction project at 148th & Broadway. Principal construction has now been completed and only city permits and inspections are now pending. Columbia has been invited to give an update on the building's occupancy schedule at the November general board meeting. Discussion followed about the block of Broadway owned by Columbia between 147th and 148th on the west side of the street. Block was purchased as part of the mitigation proceedings from the Columbia Manhattanville expansion.
- 3) Marine Transfer Station-We Act Update- Charles Calloway of WeAct gave an update on the decommissioning process of the MTS by DCAS the city agency responsible for property disposition. The building is being cleaned up for asbestos contamination. The asbestos clean-up will be done in two phases and will be completed in 2016. Calloway also gave an update on the sustainability workshops sponsored by WeAct sponsored by the Kresge Foundation. There was lengthy discussion of sustainability issues in the community. A discussion of solar panel installation and costs followed. Retrofit of older buildings is expensive and difficult due to the added weight of the solar panels. Calloway distributed a sustainability brochure created from the feedback received at the sustainability workshops. Additional discussion centered on the overflow and discharge of raw sewage into the Hudson River by the sewage treatment facility. Additional discussion focused on recycling and composting efforts in the neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned approximately 7:23pm