

***Economic Development/Harlem Piers Committee Meeting
October 3rd, 2017***

Present: Maritta Dunn, Basia Nikonorow, Matthew Camp, Nick Smith

Excused: James Archer **Absent:** Jose Taveras The meeting was convened at 7:00PM

Old Business:

An overview of old business and pending business was discussed. The committee is still interested in hosting a CB9 Business Summit for each of the four districts, Morningside, Manhattanville, Hamilton Heights, and Sugar Hill. The committee is still interested in pushing for a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Marine Transfer Station at the West Harlem Piers.

Support for the Manhattan Borough Board Int 799A Commercial Rent Tax and Int 1472 exempting certain grocery stores from the commercial rent tax was approved by a majority vote with one “present not entitled to vote.”

A decision of the issuing of a new On-Premise Liquor License for various properties owned by 701 Jules, Inc. is still under consideration and has not been decided.

New Business:

CD9 Economic Incubator:

Mr. Derek Kanes presented a Proposal for the Establishment of the Manhattan Community District 9 Economic Incubator. The committee is very interested in this proposal. Mr. Kanes was asked to submit the following information as soon as possible.

1. Who will oversee and run the program.
2. How much space would be needed.
3. Is there a proposed start-up date.

Mr. Kanes said that he will submit this information to the committee shortly.

Romantic Depot:

It was agreed that representatives of Romantic Depot, a new business on Broadway and 139th Street would be invited to a special meeting with the Economic Committee before the October Executive Board meeting. Because of time constraints the meeting could not be arranged. Representatives of Romantic Depot have been invited to the October 12th meeting to enable them to become familiar with some of the various issues that the Board is concerned with. It will also give us an opportunity to welcome them to our area.

FY19 District Needs Statement Prioritization of Capital and Expense Budget Requests were distributed and members responses were asked to be submitted before the Executive Board meeting on Thursday, October 12th.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00PM

Next Meeting: November 7th, 2017

Minutes submitted by Maritta Dunn, Committee Chair