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Economic Development/West Harlem Piers Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2025

Location: Hybrid Meeting - 3291/3295 Broadway, New York, NY 10027

Committee Members

In Attendance: Maritta Dunn, (Co-Chair), Andrea Becker, Clotilde Monguya, Metin Sarci

Absent: Gregory Brito, Gretchen Connelie, Michael Gross, Milton Justice, and Shaunte Styles

Excused: Joyce Adewumi (Co-Chair)

Community Board Member: Monique Hardin-Cordero

Public Members: Lailah Hall, Waymon Whiting

Call to Order

- The meeting started at 6:45 pm
- Prior minutes have to be secured and shared.

Introduction of Committee Members

- Every member in attendance gave a brief introduction.

Proposed use of West Harlem Piers

- Revisit the potential of developing this important
- Need to secure updates regarding which city agency has ownership and is responsible for repairing the pilons in the water.
- Need to gather information on active events and participating organizations (ex. Riverside Conservancy) regarding activating use of the piers and invitation to committee meetings for community awareness.

Economic Development at Manhattanville Business District

- We need a better understanding of the businesses in our community board and their specific needs. Harlem One Stop collects information about Harlem-based businesses. There may be an opportunity to collaborate with this organization to update their information, ensuring that local businesses from Community Board 9 are included.
- We will review the Columbia University Community Benefits Agreement to identify the free consultation services available that we can offer to support our local merchants in running their operations.
- We can consider forming a small business association to facilitate better engagement and the sharing of information (especially in different languages) with local merchants.

Old Business

- On May 3, 2025, the committee hosted a small business at the Forum. The conference focused on empowering entrepreneurs. They secured wonderful presenters, and there was great participation from some local businesses and residents. The goal is to host another small business conference in the spring 2026.

New Business

- Let's consider hosting a small business mixture on December 2, 2025, at the Community Board 9 conference room as a way to engage with local merchants and create a networking opportunity. We need to send a Save-the-Date in November. The mixture will also provide an opportunity for local merchants to promote their businesses.
- As we prepare for the 125th Street BID Holiday Lights, we can invite a few CB9 businesses to participate on a branded float. We will speak with the Chair to inquire about the pricing to secure a branded float.
- Installation of an Automatic Public Toilet (APT) on W. 125th Street & 12th Avenue (St. Claire's Place). We need a public toilet and will follow up with the Uniform Services Committee to get more details.