

Community Board #9M

16-18 Old Broadway

New York, New York 10027

General Board Meeting

October 18, 2012

Time: 6:45PM

Due to prior commitments elected officials were allowed to speak first.

Councilman Robert Jackson spoke on the re-zoning issue. He stated that he attempted a compromise between what the board had voted on R7A and what the Borough President's office recommended R8A with a R7D for the 145th street corridor between Amsterdam and Broadway Avenues.

Assemblyman Denny Farrell spoke on the re-districting that has taken place. Morningside District and Grant Housing districts will remain the same.

West Harlem Local Development Corp. report was given by Mr. Kofi Boateng, Executive Director. He stated that 1.8 million had been spent of the 3 million designated to corporation by Columbia University. He also stated that the offices were up and running. He introduced his staff, Earlene, Community Manager, Natalie Williams, Administrative Asst., Dean Morris, Director of Programs. He stated that funds were given to the Fr. City of New York. He gave a breakdown on how some of the monies were spent i.e. SYEP and that he would give quarterly briefings to the Board. He stated there would be a Public Meeting on October 25th at an address to be announced.

Nancy Streim, Associate Vice President of Teachers College Community School and Jeanene Worrell-Breeden gave an update on the opening of the school. A breakdown of the cultural ethnicity and educational content was given. They had a ribbon cutting recently. The Teachers College of Columbia University has been very helpful in this endeavor.

Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell community health fair will be November 3rd at the Children's Aid Society 885 Columbus Avenue from 11:00A. M. to 3:00PM.

At 7:05 a quorum was declared by roll call.

CT moved and BM seconded minutes with corrections

Jessica Labin, City Council Zoning Commission spoke on the proposed re-zoning and re-districting and advised people to attend a Town Hall at Canaan Baptist Church located at 116th street between Adam Clayton Blvd. and Malcolm Shabazz Blvd. (7th and Lenox avenues) from 1-4PM.

A presentation on the North River Sewage Treatment Plant was facilitated by Arturo Garcia-Costas , Program Manager for Strategic Partnerships, Office of Environmental Justice. Brief summations were given by Dilip Banajee – Water, Paresh Shah – Air and Clay Hiles, HRF. An administrative judge closed the file on the plant's case as it is not being overseen at this time. The Punitive action resulting from the recent fire is being handed at this time by the Environmental Justice. A discussion and description of Carbon Capture credit was given. There is only one known regulated market for the greenhouse initiative (Electricity Generation). Questions were asked regarding the recent fire and whether a case is pending or punitive damages will be awarded. This incident is still being investigated.

Special mention was given to Ms. Ann Rocker for all her hard work and the final outcome regarding Riverbank State Park and the DEC monies finally being brought to the table.

Corey Ortega presented with information concerning the redistricting of Assemblymen Keith Wrights district. Naming of a street for Judge Bruce Wright, the Assemblyman's father to be announced. Job fairs were held in the community with overflowing numbers of people responding. The Assemblyman's office stated that jobs were obtained during the fair and that they plan to hold more job fairs in the near future. The Take back our community by occupying a corner was undertaken this summer at 129th street and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.

The Borough President's office represented by Nina Saxon related information concerning the night green market recently held in Harlem.

Martin Smith represented Senator Adriano Espilliat's office

Included in the packet was the Chairs Report, the Treasurer's report, the District Manger's report. They were accepted with revisions and corrections.

Public Session:

BM reported on the recent floor collapse at 151st street. The resident in recuperating in the hospital and repairs are ongoing. BM presented pictures of the area.

Jane Li from New York Districting reported on the new district maps. To be announced when they will be ready. She attempted to relay some information and there were many questions.

Ms. Sabine Bernard, Community Organization relayed the information for obtaining grants from \$500 to \$1000 for murals, tree planting etc. that were available from her organization.

Mr. George Suffrant from Community Garden a Community Organization spoke

Kevin Martin spoke concerning the co-naming of 150th street, James J. Raune after a firefighter who lost his life in the line of duty.

Julius Tajiddin spoke concerning the co-naming of 121st street (the 400 block) for George Carlin.

April Tyler gave an analysis on the re-districting and she has maps available of the current plan to re-district.

Marsha Richardson spoke on the noise due to construction of the new housing at 155th street. Many problems were presented due to the long hours of drilling and its impact on the neighborhood. He many trucks in and out of the area are a pollution and noise problem. The increased traffic in the intersection was mentioned. The residents would like to be informed concerning the construction schedule and contractors schedule of work. Many comments were given concerning the permits for 12 hour drilling given to the project and its impact on the school, residents and the neighborhood of 155th street. The Chair will have a meeting with Ellen Barkin of Broadway Housing later this week and bring those concerns to Ms. Barkin. The Chair will at some point meet with interested parties concerning the outcome of that meeting.

PJ The horrible drilling has stopped and the noise level has gone down. Ongoing dialogue would be helpful between the Construction Company and residents of the community.

A presentation was made by Williams/Transco regarding the design proposal for the meter and regulating facility at 134th street. They are looking for a resolution from the board. Needed by November 13th. A recommendation to table this matter was suggested by Brad Taylor. They are seeking approval from the Public Design Commission. The vote was 22 yes, 6 Abstain, and 6 No.

Action Items:

There were two applications for liquor licenses;

Amir's Food Service located at 2911 Broadway. The vote was 30 yes, 3 Abstain.

Flee Bird Restaurant located at 1268 Amsterdam Avenue. The vote was 30 yes, 1 Abstain.

Co-Name of James J. Raune the vote was 33 yes, 1 no.

Co-Name of George Carlin the vote was 25 Yes, 4 Abstain, and 3 no.

Javier Carcamo and Pat Jones presented the re-zoning issue to the board and the replacement of R8AIH with R7D was voted on. The Land Use Committee liked R8A better than we do R8A. The discussion revolved around inclusionary housing or not.

JC R7D is available with or without inclusionary housing. The committee voted 3 to 2 that with a FAR of 5.6 the IH is still too dense. The vote was 25 Yes, 2 Abstain, 6 no.

The meeting was adjourned.

VC The Library committee had an excellent expo. The by-laws recommended change that two additional Executive members endorse any community Chair. The second was that change to the bylaws was that the Chair and Executive Officers serve for two years. The third we be mandated to have annual recognition of community boards and Chairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM

Respectfully submitted

Carole L. Singleton
