



Manhattan Community Board 9

Housing Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th

6:30 P.M.

Location: Broadway Housing Communities, 583 Riverside Drive, 7th fl. (Art Gallery)

Committee Members:

April Tyler Co-Chair: Signe Mortensen, Co-Chair

Annette Robinson, Walter South, Barry Weinberg, Ilan Mercado (EXCUSED)

Vic Edwards

Public Members:

Olga Salcedo, Karissa Garner, Anita Cheng (PRESENT)

Vanessa Jones

William

Columbia Students

Barnard Students

UTS Students

West Harlem Dems

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order – no quorum @ 6:45p – 7pm quorum reached
- II. Adopt Agenda – Walter/Barry
- III. Adopt Minutes – not present – will do at general
- IV. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements
 - Walter South – Right to the City
 - Anita- teaching class @ Hunter– data sets for students
 - UTS Students – Tower Development
 - Cheree (resident) and Jay (student)
 - School is selling air-rights – 50 floors, luxury tower, non union building
 - Looking to put together a list of demands - creating strategize
 - Should we be trying to block, affordable housing, unionized labor?
 - Connected them with MHCC and Barry
 - Metropolitan Housing Council – annual meeting @ 12p-2p on Saturday
- V. Old Business
 - a) Update/response from CCNY re: 140th St building

- As of Right – studio and gallery space for students
 - We recommended they keep original signage and cornice and repair- they have agreed to keep as much original exterior as possible
 - We also asked if community could use space – she said not at this time but could revisit
 - Conference room at use for community? She is looking into it.
- b) UPDATE from HDFC Coalition - Anita
- Coalition – brief description of HDFC and HPD history
 - Foreclosure – last 17 years there have been 90 buildings foreclosed on. This year 84 in one year.
 - CB9 voted again on reso objecting to foreclosures and moratorium – 8 or 9 in CB9
 - Our housing committee has been working on this for over 2 years – we have come a long ways.
 - Learn more at hdfccoalition.org
 - Can we organize door knocking for 8 buildings in our district
- c) NYCHA Forum Planning/Assignments – Oct 14th!
- Goal/Mission
 - Panel – MLS, Bach?, CB7 Roberta/Madeleine, Community services Society,
 - Electeds – Local should be there
 - Resources
 - Flyering/spreading word
 - Budget and line items
 - Volunteers and timing- need help Saturday and tomorrow night for flyering

VI. New Business

- a) M1 Hotel Text Amendment (received from Chair)
- b) Draft Borough Board Reso on CRT Legislation
- 4 committee members unanimous support (Barry, Walter, Signe, April), public and community members- vote passes to support this
- c) WHDC Report for Exec Meeting
- Broadway Housing and CCNY have come
 - Neighborhood Housing Services- Palante??
 - NHS – where have they gone?
 - We feel some of these services are picking and choosing buildings they want to help.
 - Housing resource assistance center?
 - 10 million for affordable housing? How much has been spent to date and # of units it has produced.
 - \$0 has been spent so far
 - negotiated with BRP to create affordable housing for residents of CB9

- d) District needs and capital budget
 - Need to have a call off line to discuss order of importance and list of needs – Sunday Oct 15th 6pm
- e) Wilson Major Morris Community Center
 - They met with church, community and developers to discuss contract.
 - Asking for Reso against what developers are proposing and a community meeting to discuss
 - Offering \$9k for building worth \$3.5 mil
 - Will get contact info for April to discuss details and look at contract
 - Karen Ward-Gamble – 646-545-9470 – communityfriend@yahoo.com
 - Churches are selling to quick cash. Pastors aren't businessmen
 - Center is a 501c3 – they lease building from church
 - Seniors can no longer access services in basement
- f) ULURP – 510 W 145th St – Dcass
 - In support so long as they don't sell it off to developers
 - Move to vote to support – 4 Committee, Public, CB and Community members unanimous
- g) Bro-Sis development
 - Tearing down brownstone? CB9 needs clarification
 - No building is greener than one that already existing
 - Invite them to the next meeting with renderings and plans

VII. Adjourn- 8:42p

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 14th 2017 6:30pm – 583 Riverside Dr- 7th Floor