

**Community Board 9 Land Use & Zoning Committee Minutes
September 16, 2013**

Present: Brad Taylor, Linda Walton, Simon Thorensen, Catherine Abate, Walter South

Public Member: Barry Weinberg

Also Present: Michael Sandler, Urban Planner from the Office of Manhattan Borough President, Scott Stringer

Barry Weinberg reported on financing of the Boys and Girls Club development of PS 186 and how it breaks out - City, State, and private financing all contribute. What is missing now to get the project underway is tax credits from HPD. In a nutshell, the HPD Commissioner chooses the project which gets HPD's funding. We will write a resolution to request that all local politicians join with CB9 and support the Boys & Girls Club in gaining the necessary tax credits from HPD. The matter is time-sensitive since the decision could be made by HPD as early as mid-October.

Brad Taylor reported on the status of the Morningside Heights Rezoning - Morningside Heights groups are working to fine-tune their plan for immediate review when new elected officials take office.

Brad Taylor and Michael Sandler also reported on the status of the legality of billboards along 12th Avenue and the West Side Highway near 125 Street.

Manhattan Borough President's office will help get answers from City agencies.