

Manhattan Community Board 9

Strategic Planning Committee

December 20, 2022

Attendees:

Victor Edwards – Committee Chair / Eutha Prince – CB9 District Manager

C.B 9: / Signe Mortensen / Deirdre McIntosh – Brown / LaQuita Henry / Jonathan Sinagub / /P W Johnson / Carolyn Thompson / Heather Jason/ Daria Hardeman / Monique Harden-Cordero/ Walter Alexander

Guest: Phoebe Arnold, Loftin Flowers/ Kreston Rosenthal– Columbia University / Jovani Pichardo – 3333 Bway/ Diane Claiborne 3333 Bway/ Tiago Kiel –area resident / Anita Cheng former CB9 member

The Strategic Planning committee meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. Committee Chair Edwards welcomed all CB9 members, the guest from Columbia and the Resident Association President from 3333 Broadway, Ms. J. Pichardo and the organization’s Treasurer Ms. D. Claiborne.

The Chair continued by stating that the plan for this meeting was to bring together the three large area housing complexes (Grant Houses, Manhattanville Houses and 3333 Broadway) to introduce them to the CB9 committee Co-Chairs. He also stated that Resident leaders would be briefed on the benefits provided to the community via the Columbia University Community Benefits Agreement (CBA). The Co-Chairs of each committee were introduced and it was noted that a list of committee’s Co-Chairs and contact information would be emailed to the resident leaders. It was note that the resident leaders were invite were not able to attend this evening.

Loftin Flowers of Columbia informed the meeting of the new Community Advisory Council (CAC) form by Columbia University. This council would encompass Columbia’s resources, professional staff and best practices to develop a more meaningful relationship with the community. Chair Edwards noted that the current members of the CAC did not include any actual community members. Mr. Loftin stated the next step in forming the Council was to select community members to join the CAC. After Mr. Loftin listed the areas of concentration for the CAC, several Board members noted that the following areas were not addressed in the sub committees to be form: Housing, Arts/Culture, Health and Aging Adults. Mr. Flowers stated that they were in the process of forming subcommittees and the University would be reaching out to the community and CB9 for candidates to join these committees. Committee Co-Chairs stated they looked forward to assisting in providing direction for this undertaking by Columbia if given the opportunity.

J. Adewumi, Co-Chair of Economic Development suggested that stipends be provide to participants in the various committees to encourage participation and as compensation.

J. Sinagub asked how the outcome CAC would differ from the current CBA. Mr. Loftin responded that part of the goal of the CAC was update some of ideas and concepts contained in the CBA.

The meeting continued Tiago Kiel requesting stating that he was concerned about summer youth employment opportunities for himself and other young people. He wanted to know what CB9 could do to ensure there would be sufficient jobs for the 2023 summer through SYEP and WHDC. Chair Edwards stated that was also a concern of CB9 and he would inquiring with SYEP and WHDC earlier in the year to provide more jobs this coming summer. Mr. Kiel was also encouraged to attend the next YEL to bring his concern to this committee as well.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.