

COMMUNITY BOARD 9 MANHATTAN

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE - February 2023

The February Strategic Planning Committee meeting was held on February 22, 2023 via zoom.

Attendees: Maritta Dunn, Jonathan Sinagub, Pat W. Johnson, Edwin Torres, Carolyn Thompson, Monique H. Cordero, Walter Alexander, Miriam Aristy-Farer, Heather Jason, Eutha Prince, LaQuita Henry meeting chaired by V. Edwards

The meeting was brought to order at 6:45 by SPC Chair Victor Edwards.

Follow-up Issues:

Marine Transfer Station:

- Is the Developer (MTP) that previously expressed in the Marine Transfer Station for development still interested? Econ Development has not received any information from MTP as of this date regarding their interest.
- Who currently has jurisdiction of the Marine Transfer Station
 - DM E. Prince states that DCAS currently has jurisdiction over site but will confirm.

Elevator proposed of 125th #1 Train station

- P.W Johnson informed the committee that the elevator task force has not met since our last meeting but she will keep us updated on any progress.
- Jonathan Sinagub informed the committee that the 197a plan suggests that a safety and feasibility study should be conducted for this station.
 - Jonathan to check with Ted K if this study ever occurred, if so where can it be located.
- P.W. Johnson to bring the issue of safety concerns to the next elevator committee meeting.

Health Related Issues

- Chair Edwards pointed to sections of the CBA that state Columbia U will conduct a health assessment and share these results with the community. In addition, Columbia U would conduct screenings for known diseases within the community. The Chair suggested that Health Committee Co-Chairs review and pursue these items.

Economic Development

- The CBA states that Columbia U will when requested provide pro-bono assistance from MBA to local businesses to improve their services.
 - MS. Dunn agreed this could be beneficial and suggested that some of the empty storefronts could be utilized as meeting places for such an endeavor.

Seniors

- Columbia U provides free dental screenings for seniors via a mobile clinic. The Chair suggested that schedules of the Mobile Clinic be reviewed by the Senior Issues committee and request visits to additional senior locations if warranted.

One of the messages from this meeting was Co –Chairs should explore sections of the CBA that are related to their committees and utilized these benefits. As the Chair said “Use it or Lose it; the clock is ticking”

Committee Chair, Edwards to meet with WHDC Exec Director Zead Ramada during the month of March to review various items contained in CBA.