

Strategic Planning Committee minutes - November 16 2021

Attendees:

V. Edwards - Chair

C. Thompson

S. Mortenson

I. Mercado

D.M. Brown

M. Dunn

J. Sinagub

M. A . Farer

Guest: Brianna Struckley former Barnard College student / Nick Garber Patch news

The Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) meeting for November 2021 was call to attention by Committee Chair - Victor Edwards at 6:40 p.m.

VE started the meeting by explaining that the committee had pivoted away from monitoring the CBA over the last 2 years to focus on incarceration and recidivism in the community. The Chair continued by stating that it was time to get back to monitoring this extremely important community agreement. VE continued by providing the history of the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA):

- The CBA is “restitution” to the West Harlem community for the displacement of residents / businesses and the impact that the erection of the new Columbia buildings will have on the community over time.
- Key benefit areas include : Housing/ Education/ Employment/ Health – Environment/ Arts – Culture/ Transportation
- Financial Allowances
 - o \$76 Million in benefits over a 25 year period beginning in 2009
 - o \$20 Million in affordable housing funds
 - o \$ 4 Million in legal benefits (anti eviction, harassment)
 - o \$20 Million in In-Kind benefits on through Columbia
- Time frame of the agreement for most parts of the agreement is 25 years but certain benefits are shorter in terms.
- Implementation Plan and Compliance
 - o Annually Columbia must submit a progress report to the NYS Empire Development Corp. In turn these reports are made public for the community to review. The chair stated that these reports are critical to monitoring community engagement and outreach by Columbia. (Link shared with all co-chairs via email during meeting)
- M. Dunn provided a further explanation on how the CBA was form and importance of utilizing the benefits before they expired.
- It was stressed that each committee provide a representative to attend the SPC meeting to inform their committee of all activities.
- Since a large part of the CBA is depend upon the West Harlem Development Corp it was suggested that be represented at future meeting to which the Chair agreed.

M. A. Farer suggested that a Task Force be developed to address and examine all the ramifications of the legalizations cannabis. The Chair agreed and explained that he had been discussing this with the Board Chair and hope to assemble a group very shortly.

M. C. Cordero also suggested that a Town Hall meeting be held obtain input from the community on all aspects of the legalization of cannabis and the eventual opening of dispensaries in the community.

The chair continued the meeting by reviewing some aspects of the 2021 Manhattanville West Harlem Implementation Plan Report for the CBA. The reports cover Columbia's activities and compliance in 30 different categories ranging from under graduate scholarships to shuttle bus services for senior to a mobile dental center for pre-school children (a full list noted below)

D.M Brown noted that the undergraduate scholarships provided to attend Columbia appeared to mostly be awarded to students from the elite city high school and questioned how outreach was being done regarding these scholarships. Some attendees suggested that we utilize the PTA, churches etc, to spread the word about these valuable scholarships. Several attendees agreed this among other avenues would be a good idea.

The Chair suggested that the each committee take time in their meetings to review the CBA and come to the next meeting with ideas to best utilize this document to the community's benefit.

The chair closed the meeting at 8:05 stating that he would invite a representative from Columbia and the WHDC to attend the next SPC (Jan 2022).

"Columbia University makes available to the public the annual reports that are submitted to Empire State Development. The Implementation Plan Report (IPR) provides an overview of the individual commitment, the start and end dates of the commitment, and updated information on the progress. These reports cover the period from October 2020 - September 2021.

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[2021 - 5.05\(b\)\(i\) Residential Relocation Obligations.pdf](#)1.7 MB

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[2021 - 5.07\(c\)\(iii\) Mobile Dental Center for Pre-School Children.pdf](#)481.11 KB

[2021 - 5.07\(c\)\(iv\) Dental Health Screenings for Senior Citizens.pdf](#)10.22 MB

2021 - 5.07(c)(vi) Undergraduate Scholarships for Aid-Eligible Students.pdf1.53 MB

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