



BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT – JANUARY 2026

Department of City Planning Public Hearing - 1727 Amsterdam Ave.

On January 7, CB9 Board Members, former Board Members, Public Board Members and community residents attended the Department of City Planning Public Hearing on the disposition 1727 Amsterdam Ave. (in person and online). The testimony was largely opposed to moving forward with the construction of another supportive housing building in the District. Many presenters pointed to the need for true “affordable” housing in the area and the fact that the District is already oversaturated with “supportive” facilities.

Legionnaires Cases at 3333 Broadway

District Manager, Eutha Prince, and I attended a meeting at 3333 Broadway organized by NYC Health and Hospitals. This meeting was convened to address two residents of the complex contracting Legionnaires disease. The two residents diagnosed with the disease both live in tower B, one of the 5 tower complexes. Pauline Ferrante of NYCHH explained to the residents that Legionella bacteria were most likely present in the hot-water system and were being spread through mist from the showerhead during showers. Residents in Tower B were instructed not to shower until the issue was resolved. We suggested a follow-up meeting be held to accommodate residents of the complex who could not attend this afternoon's meeting and that all residents of the complex are notified.

CB9 Member Attendance Review

The Executive Committee is in the process of reviewing Board Member's meeting attendance. We expect to hold the formal attendance review at the February Executive meeting.

New Committee Co-Chairs

We would like to express a warm welcome to two new CB9 Co-Chairs. Michael Gross has joined Joyce Adewumi as the Co-Chair of Economic Development/West Harlem Piers.

Abraham Alexander has been selected as one of the two new Co-Chairs to lead the CB9 Landmarks, Parks and Preservation committee.

We welcome Michael and Abraham on to the Executive Committee and look forward to their input.

Columbia University Apartments for Non-Affiliates

After months of negotiations led by the Morningside Heights Community Coalition and supported by CB9, eight (8) apartments in Columbia University's portfolio have been released for public rental. The news of these apartments' availability is being disseminated through all our local networks. We look forward to additional apartments being made available through Columbia University in the coming months.

Holiday Celebrations

Last month I had the pleasure of attending two local holiday events.

- Riverside Church held its annual toy giveaway for young people. This event was organized by the Riverside Basketball coach Anthony Hardgrave and Alicia Barksdale. The young attendees and their parents were treated to lunch and able to select a gift from a vast amount of items on display. At this event **Santa Claus was played by our own Walter Alexander.**
- Manhattanville Houses Christmas celebration was held in the complex's gymnasium. The young people and their parents were treated to dinner and a performance from the youth of the community center.
- CB9's Holiday Celebration followed our General Board meeting on December 18. In attendance were the Tenant Leaders from 3333 Broadway, Manhattanville Houses, as well as Assemblyman Jordan Wright. We received excellent food from several local restaurants, and once again, our District Manager's family handled the serving to make it truly special.

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