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CHAIR'S REPORT - NOVEMBER 2024

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I am truly thankful for the CB9 staff and Board members that give so much of themselves to our community each and every day... VE

125th St. Elevator Project Meeting - Oct 7, 2024

This ongoing project to install elevators at 125th St and Broadway would provide much-needed access to this elevated train station. The MTA representatives stated that the project was at a standstill due to the halt on the Congestion Pricing program. Columbia University representatives explained that they had started the initial scoping of the project as promised. We will continue to monitor the progress of this vital project.

Columbia University Meeting – Oct 17, 2024

On October 17, 1st Vice-Chair Barry Weinberg and I participated in meeting with Columbia University's senior staff. We were a part of a coalition formed by State Senator Cordell Cleare.

This coalition is focusing on the expansion of CU into West Harlem and the current Community Benefits Agreement, while presenting new demands from Columbia University. Following this meeting, a Press conference was held to explain the current demands of the coalition, which included:

- Affordable housing
- Employment opportunities on the construction site and on campus
- Additional scholarships for local students,

Dept. of Transportation Meeting – St. Nicholas Ave / 145th St. - Oct 23, 2024

This meeting was part of an ongoing effort to eliminate the double parking of NYPD vehicles, NYPD Officers' personal vehicles, and resident vehicles along this corridor. The NYPD Captain of the 30th Pct. and Transit Division 3 (TD3) Capt. attended this meeting. To start the meeting, I noted that the double parking had significantly been reduced over the past few months, and the community appreciated the efforts. We were informed that TD3 intended to request additional street parking be assigned for NYPD use. Several of the attendees objected to this idea. Residents in attendance stated that it was already difficult to park and that it would exacerbate the situation. I suggested that a Town hall meeting be held to hear directly from the residents that would be affected.

Manhattanville Houses RAD/PACT Program – Oct 31, 2024

As Manhattanville Houses residents are being transferred to Section 8, under the RAD program it's important that all residents are aware of what the changes will involve. I attended one of the meetings to hear firsthand what was being explained to our seniors and posed several questions to the management team.

Meeting with Columbia University (interim) President – Katrina Armstrong – Oct 28, 2024

Barry Weinberg, 1st Vice-Chair, and I met with Columbia University's interim President, Katrina Armstrong, and her senior staff members. This meeting served as an introduction and allowed us to review several initial topics, including:

- The West Harlem Community Benefits Agreement
- Public access to campus
- Increasing local public students' visits to the campus
- Regular meetings with the President and her staff

Respectfully Submitted,
Victor Edwards, Chair