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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL &
LONG-TERM PLANNING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 12, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file
 - A. Members present include Fidel Gomez, Eleanor Lundeen, Amjad Mujaahid, Samelys Lopez
 - B. Guests in attendance include Sheila Sanchez, Elizabeth Quaranta, Adaline Walker-Santiago, William Francis
- II. Updates:
 - A. Updated committee on progress of survey of other CB7 committees, indicating that an email was sent to all committee chairs, asking them what projects they'd like the LTP Committee to tackle
 - 1. The Parks and Recreation Committee would like to see the development of the Harlem Waterfront and more specifically, the development of Regatta Park
 - 2. The Economic Development Committee would like to see the (1) development of the neighborhoods around the Kingsbridge Armory; (2) development of Webster Avenue, in particular development of Webster and Gun Hill Avenue (where some properties are currently owned by MMC and MPC); and (3) the development of stronger partnerships with the major institutions in CD 7 neighborhoods
- III. Waterfront Discussion:
 - A. With respect to developing the Harlem Waterfront and Regatta Park and its feasibility
 - 1. Noted that the area is very toxic and would cost substantial money to clean and develop
 - 2. Waterfront area owned by Lasalle Brothers who are unlikely to sell it
 - 3. If area is developed, it should be done so in a way that doesn't obstruct view of water, namely in a way that fosters recreation such as fishing, canoeing, bicycle path
 - 4. Explore feasibility of having a ferry service at this location
 - 5. Reach out to Councilman Cabrera with respect to development of the waterfront
 - 6. Reach out to Harlem River Working Group, an organization who focuses on restoring waterfront along the Harlem River
- IV. Other topics discussed:
 - A. Committee members also suggested that the LTP Committee spearhead the re-purposing of the Fordham Library and the HRA building located near it
 - B. Buildings could house community service agencies, including a space for CB7



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- C. Committee also suggested that the LTP Committee should also work to create relationships with other community boards and to improve the manner in which the community board conveys information to the community we serve
 - D. Revamp website to allow it to list community resources and events
 - E. Tabled proposal by Shenequa Charles to invite Susanna Blankley, Program Director for Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA), which is a New Settlement Apartments' tenant organizing initiative, whose mission is to protect and maintain affordable and safe housing through collective action
- V. Meeting adjourned