

1. Attached is a **revised** excel document with everyone who signed in at the May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting (there are some people missing). If there are any corrections please email them to me only. [http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=rd9VFzHGavvXGTZV5Oc\\_69Q](http://spreadsheets.google.com/ccc?key=rd9VFzHGavvXGTZV5Oc_69Q)

2. Our next meeting is scheduled for **Wed. 6/17 at 6pm – 8pm**

**Davidson Community Center**

**2038 Davidson Ave (off West Burnside)**

3. Below are the committees that were formed and who agreed to sit on the committees (this has been updated since last email)

4. May 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting minutes below. Again, if there are any corrections please email them to me only.

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**COMMITTEES HRWG MAY 6, 2009**

**Greenway / Access to the Water**

Jose Rodriguez

Matt Dillon

Bourema Niambele

Evan Camp

Leon Johnson

Fernando Tirado

Brandy Cochrane

Dart Westphal

Jim Lane

Ellen Macnow

Ludger Balan

Laura Stockstill

**Education, Ecology and Water Uses**

Louis Kleinman

Brandy Cochrane

**Outreach & Advocacy**

Bourema Niambele

Obed Fulcar

Jim Lane

Cy Adler

Ludger Balan

Fernando Tirado

Louis Kleinman

Karen Argenti

## **HARLEM RIVER WORKING GROUP, MINUTES 5/6/09**

Meeting was convened after BCEQ Water conference in March 2009. Dart gave some background of BCEQ's involvement on the River and the Harlem River BOA project. Many different groups have been working along the river and wanted to get together to form a larger group.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 – update about upcoming and current projects**

Ellen Macnow from Parks gave an update about the status of Bridge Park (Alexander Hamilton to Roberto Clemente). The project is currently out to bid and it should be a 15-18 month construction. It will include new paths, sitting area and landscaping. There will also be signage from 167 and Sedgwick leading individuals to the park across Depot Place and down Exterior Street.

A couple of ?'s – will lighting be included in Bridge Park Project?  
What's the status of Yankee Replacement Parks on Waterfront? What is going on the 2 DCAS lots between Bridge Park and Roberto Clemente? Will they be transferred to either State or NYC parks?

Zach Campbell gave an update about the Hamilton Bridge Project. It will take about 4-5 years. There should be access going under bridge to the Parks except for when there is construction on that portion. The project will be replacing bridge decks and approaches. Zach will be working in the field office, which he is currently setting up.

A couple of ?'s – What is the construction project's impact on the River? Will existing pipes that discharge into the river be fixed?

Harry talked about making sure there is access and equity in the South Bronx. His group has been working on a project at the end of Park Avenue in CB#1. Josh (Parks Planning) is reviewing, Ellen was asked to check on it.

Jerry has worked on creating the NYC Water Trail and commented on the lack of access points on the Harlem River.

Obed stated that the only access point in Upper Manhattan is at Sherman Creek. He also mentioned that the Dyckman Marina will be going into construction in Spring 2010 and that there is landing potential at the 155<sup>th</sup> Street cove.

Laura Stockstill (BP's office) spoke about the planning project that BOEDC has contracted out to Star Whitehouse. It will identify potential public access points and properties off Depot place. There will be a community charette held in June.

Xavier (DM for CB#5) mentioned that future meetings could be help in BCC.

Dart asked about the ULURP for Putnam Line and 230<sup>th</sup> Street. He also asked what happened to the Croton Money that was for DOT site at Fordham Landing.

Chauncy had a couple of questions about the Randalls Island Pedestrian which is currently under construction. He wanted to know how the River was being protected and if there was any discharge.

Harry asked about the ConEd utility upgrade at the Bronx Kill and the Army Corp Permits.

The BCEQ has maps available of the Harlem River with existing uses and property owners.

**AGENDA ITEM #3 – a review of tasks identified at BCEQ meeting and an interactive process to set priorities**

Dart facilitated this process. All meeting attendees were given stickers and prioritized tasks by voting with their stickers. At the BCEQ water conference in March 2009 attendees broke up into 3 groups and came up with tasks under 3 headings, Greenway/Access to the Water, Outreach and Advocacy and Education, Ecology and Water Uses. At this meeting attendees prioritized these tasks.

**Greenway/Access to the Water**

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| 12 – increase in connections / greenways to VC and other areas | 4 – pedestrian friendly paths                 |
| 10 – education programs for school groups                      | 4 – getting public involvement                |
| 9 – restoration of natural areas                               | 4 – no wake for entire River                  |
| 8 – kids programs  | 3 – stronger cross-borough connections        |
| 8 – biking   | 2 – city provided boats                       |
| 6 – signage (educational and directional)                      | 2 – access over railroad tracks to waterfront |
| 5 – identifying stakeholders and existing zoning               | 2 – Passive recreation                        |
| 5 – Harlem Riverkeeper   | 2 – improved water quality                    |
| 4 – swimming   | 1 – hiking                                    |
|  | 1 – historic preservation                     |

## **Outreach & Advocacy**

10 – community walks along river	1 – outreach to community
8 – boats on the water	1 – outreach to general public
6 – weekend rowing for the community	1 – Roberto Clemente pool closed all summer
3 – regatta on the HR	1 – Dock in the Bronx
2 – figure out how to plan events on the waterfront (Waterfront Alliance)	1 – meet with Mayoral candidates

## **Education, Ecology and Water Uses**

10 – Modify existing infrastructure to create habitats	2– Circle Line Partnerships
7 – Rope & Lollipops	1 – nutrients
2 – Stewardship	1 – outreach

## **AGENDA ITEM #4 – Possible structure of Working Group led by Chauncy and Jenny**

**What area should we cover?** By consensus agreed we would cover all areas in the Bronx on the Harlem River from Randalls Island to Spuyten Duyvil.

### **What are we trying to do?**

Access points – docks, portages	Activities
Reclaim waterfront for community, cultural and commercial	Environmental Ed
Advocate for the River	River clean-ups
Clean areas, maintain areas, beautify waterfront	Water quality
Recreational Center	Habitats
Access from Woods to Waterfront	Mitigate CSO's
Access from communities to waterfronts	Improve conditions upland to improve health of river
	Improve Access

Get State parks involved

Strengthen Communities

Mussels

Walking trail around entire river

**How are we going to do all this?**

We agreed to split into 3 committees based on the topics we voted on in Agenda Item #3.

Greenway/Access to the Water

Outreach and Advocacy

Education, Ecology and Water Uses

Attendees were asked to sign up for committees on the same sheets as the stickers. The committees would meet and decide which priorities to work on based on interest and voting.

We need decide structure and leadership. We said that we would invite Bronx River Alliance to come to future meeting to discuss structure.

#### **Agenda Item #4 – Moving forward and next steps**

We agreed to hold another meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm to try to get more community residents to attend. Meeting location tbd. Some suggestions were the Davidson Comm. Center and BCC.

MLC agreed to type up meeting minutes, compile voting and attendance sheets and email out minutes and committee info.

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