

Harlem River Working Group

11/17/09 meeting minutes

Introductions and welcome

G welcomed us to the Rebel Diaz Collective and explained about their programs.

1. Minutes & Follow Up

Randall's Island Bridge will be open Spring 2011. Lots of issues need to be addressed before it can be opened and have a safe passing. Lots of agencies, entities involved. Railroad, CSX, Post, ConEd, Amtrak, City, State. Harry attended meeting about the RI connector. A task force is being put together to deal with issues and next steps. ConEd needs to move cables and it would be better to do now so that access can be continuous. Property at both ends is Parks and SDOT, leased out to HR Rail yard Ventures, sub-lease to Waste Management.

Dart suggested creating an Excel document with all the next steps and who we would need to get on in order to prevent hold-ups. List of who's involved and obstacles. Maybe Jerry could compile it?

Urban Divers suggested making entry way to Depot Place DOT Triangle more welcoming with plantings.

Working with Clark Wallace from TPL is working on acquiring Tabernacle Property. CM's Foster's family knows the owners and will assist.

Jerry Willis, from NPS is on board with HRWG and will be giving our project 1/2 of his time. He will be coming up to the Bronx and his main office is in the Teddy Roosevelt birthplace in Manhattan. He will be developing work plans, compiling all existing projects, try to find federal resources, Google Earth Map, create a 1-pager and map and guide type brochure.

2. Committee Reports and HRWG Structure

Karen compiled a document with HRWG vision and goals (the document has been worked on and created at several BCEQ Water Conferences). We went over document as a group and made changes. We will finalize at Dec. meeting. Karen will email out edited documents.

Each committee is to meet prior to Dec. meeting and come up with committee goals. Also create a list of contacts to reach out to about HRWG.

Committee Meeting Schedule

- Outreach/Advocacy – 12/8 at 11am CB#4
- Education/ Ecology – 12/8 at 7pm Urban Divers
- Greenway – 12/16 at 3pm at BP's office

3. Meeting Schedule – 3rd Wed. of the Month – we will be alternating between evening and late afternoon meetings and using BP's space for late afternoon meetings

- December 16 – 4pm – 6pm BP's Office

- January 20th – 6pm – 8pm, CB#5, Ludger to set up
- February 17 - 4pm – 6pm BP's Office
- March 17th – BCEQ Water Conference at Manhattan College
- April 21st - 4pm – 6pm BP's Office
- May 19th – 6pm -8pm, CB#1
- June 16th - 4pm – 6pm BP's Office

4. Announcements and Updates

We need to get HRWG message out to the various community boards. Chauncy will create a presentation that we can take on the road. Committee members volunteered to make it happen in the following boards

- CB#1 – Harry
- CB#4 – Chauncy
- CB#5 – Brandy and Ludger
- CB#7 – Jim and Brandy
- CB#8 – Dart and IC

We also need to present to Bronx Delegation and Borough Board.

We need to start working on Fall 2010 event.

Education, Ecology and Water Uses

1. Brandy Cochrane
2. Bourema Niamebele
3. **Jim Lane**
4. Ludger Balan
5. Louis Kleinman
6. Jenny Sherman
7. Paul Mankiewicz

Outreach & Advocacy

1. Obed Fulcar
2. Brandy Cochrane
3. Leon Johnson
4. Cy Adler
5. **Maria Luisa Cipriano**
6. Fernando Tirado
7. Jim Lane
8. Karen Argenti
9. Joyce Hogi
10. Jose Rodriguez
11. Chauncy Young
12. Bourema Niamebele
13. Ludger Balan

Greenway / Access to the Water

1. Evan Camp
2. Fernando Tirado
3. Dart Westphal
4. **Ellen Macnow**
5. Jessica Noon
6. Louis Kleinman
7. Harry Bubbins
8. Ludger Balan
9. Jose Rodriguez

Respectfully Submitted,
Maria Luisa Cipriano