

CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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LAND USE COMMITTEE October 18th 2018

Present

Kevin Bitterman
Lisa Downing, Vice Chair
Stanley Gleaton, Chair
Cicely Harris
Victoria Horsford
Stephen Johnson
John Lynch
Shatic Mitchell
Charles Powell
Dr. Keith Taylor
Raquel Vasquez

Absent/Excused

Dr.Hazel Dukes, George Harrell, Henrietta Lyle, Jericka Richardson, Keith Taylor, Danni Tyson The meeting started at 6:45 pm.

JD Wilson Memorial Garden (ULURP)

The ULURP started for this project on September 24th 2018.

Representatives came to Land Use to discuss next steps, answer questions outstanding in preparation for the CB 10 vote at the November General Board meeting.

The land is currently owned by DCAS. The transaction will transfer the land so that it under the auspices of NYC Parks.

Taxes were unpaid for many years but will be addressed as part of the sale.

It was confirmed that the consideration being offered for this property is 1.3M (not 300K as originally indicated).

The monies for the acquisition are coming from Gale Brewer's budget and will be covered over 2 fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

The site is specifically slated for garden use. The deed should specify this use. Restricting development in the future.

The committee voted unanimously 10-0 to approve the transaction and in support of the ULURP. The land use committee will draft a resolution to support the ULUP at the next executive committee meeting..

Mount Sinai Discussion

A discussion was held among the committee to discuss next step with respect to the Mount Sinai transaction.

A letter addressed to the Board of Standard and Appeals rescinding the decision to support Mount Sinai the setback relief they are seeking to build full floors to accommodate their programming was drafted and reviewed.

A strategy concerning how to engage politicians in this issue was formulated. In the meantime, scaffolding has been erected at the site.

District Needs Statement

- -Promote more MIH developments
- -Discuss faith-based institutions being sold without informing the community. Reference the faith-based development and Preservation conference we organized earlier this year
- -Promote more mixed-use housing developments rather than residential-only buildings.
- -In the chart on page 14 on the 2017 district needs statement, add budget priorities for SBS, EDC, and DOB.
- -I suggested that an SBS budget item would be to organize a business improvement district along ACP Jr. Blvd to address the vacant storefront issues. Additionally, we could suggest additional small business support for West 116th st and see if SBS has any programs for this purpose.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm