

Date: June 12, 2008
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Location: Tioga Carver Club
201 West 148th Street
New York, NY 10039
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In Attendance:

Ernestine Temple (Assemblyman Farrell Office)	Estelle Daniels	Pauline Fredrick
Gloria Mills (Recording Secretary)	Marcus Book (MTA)	Jacob Morris
Millicent Redick (Esplanade Gardens)	Joe Dinaram (MTA)	Merle Carroll
Lermand Mayes (Inez Dickens Office)	Meyer Stender (MTA)	Annette William(CB)
Robyn Tolliver (Esplanade Gardens)	Deborah Gilliard (CB 10)	Barbara Baker
Linda Wood Guy (Senator Perkins)	Charles Callaway (WEACT)	Ogonnaya D.N. (WEACT)
Barbara G. Barber (Harlem Hospital)	Pauline Frederick (Esplanade)	Yolande Cadore (WEACT)

Minutes Taken by: Cherisse Harris

Minutes of Meeting

Community Concerns

The meeting commenced with everyone introducing themselves. The first thing to be discussed is demolition. The asbestos removal started on Monday, June 9th, 2008. A few signs were posted on the Bus Terminal.

Air Monitors

Air monitors are in place at the College. The Task Force was able to choose the air monitoring company. The issue of asbestos was brought up and the MTA has sent data from the Air Monitoring to Assemblyman Farrell's Office. It was noted that the Task Force pushed for, and received information to be sent to WEACT and Assemblyman Farrell's Office.

The Charrette

- The Task Force received a call from Adrienne on location concerning the Charrette. She is pushing for City College.
- We must make a decision on the location of the Charrette
- By September we must come together and get people involved with the Charrette.
- We vote 8 to 4 to have it at A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center.
- If the Senior Center is the final location, we as a Taskforce must understand that we end up doing most of the work.
- If the Taskforce does not do the Charrette at the Senior Center we must develop an outreach plan.

Issue

Where to have the Charrette? The TF weighed the Pro's and Con's of two locations. City College and A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center.

Charrette at City College

Pros

- Large Breakout Rooms which provide space to work in
- Technical Support (equipment & laptop computers)
- Quality Facilities
- Handicap Accessibility

Cons

- Location
- We would have to move from room to room
- Transportation
- Time (Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)
- Inherently Insufficient
- Real Community

Charrette at A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center

Pros

- Locality
- Transportation (Access-a-ride will shuttle the seniors back and forth.)
- Accessibility (It is located in a designated area.)
- Large turn out in the community/Comfort Zone: A community Board meeting was held at the center and 143 people showed up.
- The center is also within walking distance of the Bus Depot.
- Familiarity-The Community is familiar with the area.
- Technical Support/Space-The lunch room is large enough for everyone to sit in.

Cons

- Technical Support
- Student Participation
- Equipment:
 - If the MTA doesn't provide the equipment, then we must provide it. It was also said that if the MTA is going to deliver the presentation, then they should have the equipment available.
- It was suggested that at the next meeting, we should conduct a walk through of the equipment needed at A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center
- If the Charrette is going to be at the Senior Center the Task Force must provide the equipment and food. We must step up to the plate.

KEEP IN MIND THAT:

- A. Phillip Randolph must be clear that the MTA will take over the Facility.
- Our responsibility is to make sure that there are 100 plus people to help with the Charrette. This is a must, in order to facilitate a marketing team and a support team.
- We will need a laptop for PowerPoint Presentations. (Where are we going to get it from?)

Community Concern/Ownership

Who will own the Charrette. Would it become the City College Charrette or will it be the Community Charrette?

Introduction from the MTA

Asbestos Abatement

The MTA has begun the Asbestos Abatement removal inside of the Depot. The preparation work and mobilization has been started and the interior floor tiles in the hallways are being removed. They are almost finished with this phase and have received excellent test results. They provided Assemblyman Farrell's Office and the Task Force with the Air Monitoring results.

- Copies were distributed to the Task Force of the results. They show that the air is safe. The allowable result by law is less than .001. If the amount of fiber is exceeded another test must be conducted.
- 7 Air monitors have been put in place.
- It was noted that the depot contains non-friable material and each area inside the depot has been contained.
- A 3 dimensional view of the soil abatement was provided by the MTA as requested.

Community Concerns

- The Task Force voted and the majority agreed on having the Charrette at A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center.

- The Community would like to let the MTA know why the A. Phillip Randolph Senior Center was chosen.
- The Task Force asks that the MTA reinforce the issue of noise with Lois Tendlin.
- As a whole what can we do to make the community feel more inclusive and valued?
- The well being and the health of the community are major concerns. i.e. Respiratory illness, asthma, emphysema, and pollution.
- How long is the completion of each phase?

MTA's Response

- The MTA would first have to take the consensus back to Adrienne.
- They will have to speak with their headquarters about doing a walk through to express the concerns of the community.
- The MTA anticipate on being back at the end of the summer after the tiles are put in place.

Conclusion

- The Task Force and the MTA must share information with the community in order to move forward.

Community's Responsibility

- The community must be aware of an unscheduled meeting.

Meeting Adjourned