

CEC3 OVERCROWDING AND SPACE UTILIZATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 2010  
9:15AM JOA BALCONY  
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Call to Order and Introductions.

- New School at Riverside Center Update- Mark Diller
  - Background information available on [www.CB7.org](http://www.CB7.org)
  - Approval Process
    - CB7 has adopted plan for a 6 section school to be built.
    - Scott Stringer supported full size school on August 30<sup>th</sup>
    - Now at City Planning Commission make their recommendation around Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. when their 60 days are up.
    - Final arbiter is the City Council will get plan around Halloween.
      - Mark Diller expects resistance from the City Council
        - Idea of forcing a developer to build what a city agency should build will be resisted especially from Council Members from the outer boroughs.
  - Next Steps
    - Parents in District 3 Parents should explain why it is good policy for a developer to build what a city agency should build.
      - SCA has already voted with their dollars to the Upper West Side to fend for themselves.
      - Developer wants concessions; use to barter for full-size schools.
    - Postcard Campaign
      - City Planning Advocacy
      - City Council Advocacy
      - Mark Diller will get information to CEC3AA to post on CEC3 web site.
- District 3 K/All Enrollment Numbers and Data Committee Update
  - Helen Rosenthal, Rachel Laiserin, Sandra Levy, Tanya Khotin will help
  - Trying to get numbers up-to-date for Rezoning and Overcrowding
- Rezoning Update
  - CEC3 has set up a committee and John Davidge will chair
  - No official meeting set yet, JD wants to get a handle on data and numbers to know how to proceed.
  - Concerns were expressed to get proposals from DOE to respond to and that time was ticking and the DOE has not done anything concrete.
    - It was suggested that CEC3 send a letter to DOE stating concerns and asking for proposals and data to act as a kick start.
    - Idea was raised if rezoning really needs to be done this year if the DOE is planning to rezone entire district. Deal with acute problems this year and work to input major changes next year.
  - Helen Rosenthal ( not on rezoning committee) will aid with data and requested each school to give her the following numbers:
    - # kids per class for all of the D3 schools

- Send this data to [Rosenthal.helen@gmail.com](mailto:Rosenthal.helen@gmail.com)
  - Noah asked for schools with waitlists- find out where the waitlist went
    - Sandra and Eric are trying, but hard to do.
  - Noah will bring all of this information to John Davidge
- CEJ Representatives – Committee for Educational Justice
  - Parent Meeting on State Test Scores on Sat. October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Trinity Church @ 1 PM
  - Attended Overcrowding Committee to get update on HSA application to co-locate new school in D3
    - CEJ works with families who were forced out of charter schools and parents who are not allowed to form parent organizations at charter schools.
- Status at PS 452
  - 5 empty seats. DOE holding back some seats for CTT ( 452 does not have quota of 12 kids)
  - Between 18-20 in each kindergarten class
- Status PS 241
  - HSA 4 suppose to have 125 new kids, but has 175 new kids
    - To make rooms, HSA took 3 rooms from PS 241 and moved PS241 to basement
    - PS 241 Principal wrote letter that she did not agree to this as the DOE has reported.
- War Room Follow
  - Need to decide how to proceed for both uptown and downtown
  - Left that PS 452 was a stop gap, but still feel need more seats
  - Uptown feel that there is a squeeze for space with charter schools.
- Harlem Success Application to Open New Charter School in District 3
  - SUNY did not look at any of the public comments
    - Only public comments to look at are from the district ( Chancellor)
    - Have to adhere to 45 day period, but didn't adhere to it
    - Application to co-locate and 600 plus school in D3 school where DOE shows only 300 seats available.
    - CEC3 wrote a letter opposing
  - SUNY tabled vote.
    - Noah anticipates SUNY will approve at end of 45 days (beginning of Oct.)
  - Question of how this would affect the Magnet Grant if D3 gets it.
    - Question if Co-Locating Charter school will affect Magnet Grant
  - There will be an EIS when location is announced
- Will get another chance to make noise as part of the hearing process
- Suggested that Overcrowding Committee meet monthly and subcommittees be formed to deal with rezoning and another for charter school issues.
  - Charters – Tanya and Olaiya were named by Noah for the committee. Beth S. was also mentioned as another possible member.
  - Enrollment- Joe , Donna Smiley, Mark Diller, Robin Aronow
  - Riverside South School
  - Rezoning

Action Items:

- Find a way to track what happened to 162 plus families who were on waitlist.
- Enrollment Sub-committee Members
  - a. Joe , Donna Smiley, Mark Diller, Robin Aronow
  - b. Letter to DOE to get serious about changing timeline for G&T notification
    - i. Advocate now to move it up 2 months
    - ii. Mary send CEC3 letter on G&T timing to Mark, Joe, Donna, Robin in word format

Meeting adjourned.

**Next CEC3 Overcrowding Committee Meeting TBA**