

LINDA – Fieldnotes – 2 February 2007

Subject: Calling Manhattan Pentecostal Church  
Location: Telephone from my office  
Time: 1:51-2:01

Manhattan Pentecostal Church

<http://www.manhattanpentecostals.org/ME2/Sites/Default.asp?SiteID=5D98537967CE454AA970D4673962D24B>

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I called on Wednesday afternoon at 4:25 and I got an answering machine. The message listed a different pastor's name from the website, plus Josephine Paolini, the staff member on the website, Sasha Bowens (sp?), and Manhattan Pentecostal Church [which I assume is a general voicemail box for the church].

I left a message to call me back. Pastor Grattan did not call back, but I reached him on Friday, Feb 2, at 1:51pm. Low voice, speaks in measured tones.

I introduced myself and asked if we could meet, and talked a little about the project. In

Do you folks know about the West Harlem Local Development Corporation

Nonprofit group negotiating w/Columbia  
LDC

They have working groups meeting to formulate basically what are going to be the, the, what are originally going to be "the asks" from Columbia, this is what we want you to do

The education group  
What exists,

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What doesn't exist,  
How can Columbia use its TC College resources

Huge negotiation  
The biggest thing going on in the city

You need to be hooked up with them

The education working group  
Headed up by 2 of the chiefs of staff  
Janine Johnson [sp?]  
Susan Russell [sp?]

Let me see when the next education group is,  
I get emails on this,  
Let's see,

Monday afternoon,  
They meet,  
January 29<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday evening, the LDC meets and gives reports  
Part of that meeting is open to the public  
The next education working group meeting,  
LDC at the church at 6:30  
They'll announce when the next education working group is

Linda: Will it be an open meeting at 6:30?

Pastor: It stays open unless we want to go into executive session

Linda: I do want to let you know that we are a small project and we're not funded through Columbia

Pastor: That doesn't matter

Linda: I'd also like to talk about what your church does. I saw on the website that you have youth ministries and things like that.

Look for mutual time available to meet: went through available times on Monday, Tuesday, Wed before deciding on Thursday afternoon. I explained that my partner teaches in the morning. "So you have a partner," he replied.

I ask for his contact info to send more info on the project.

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[My education on gentrification and community organizing has begun. I looked at the website, <http://www.westharlemldc.org/>, which looks extremely well-organized. I think perhaps I started with one of the larger, rather than smaller, churches

I think I pressed too hard for non-LDC information. It seemed to me that he really wanted to talk about the anti-Columbia organizing work. We will see what happens on Thursday.]