

# University Neighborhood Housing Program

## 2009 Affordable Housing Forum

# Envisioning the Future of the Red Zone

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

## Agenda

Breakfast (8:30 - 9:00 AM)

### Welcome

*Joseph Muriana*, Associate Vice President for Government and Urban Affairs,  
Fordham University and UNHP Board President

### Introduction

*Jim Buckley*, UNHP Executive Director

### Presentation of 2009 Report Data

*Gregory Lobo Jost*, UNHP Deputy Director

### Panel Response

*Roger Hayes*, UNHP Board (moderator)

*Raquel Batista*, Executive Director, Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant  
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*Nancy Biberman*, Executive Director, Women's Housing and Economic Development  
Corporation

*Peter Mosbacher*, Senior Vice President, Amalgamated Bank

*Xavier Rodriguez*, Bronx Community Board 5 District Manager

Open Discussion / Q&A

Fordham University's Rose Hill Campus, The Bronx

Faculty Lounge, McGinley Center

### **Roger Hayes, UNHP Board (Moderator)**

For the past five years Mr. Hayes has served as Deputy Director of the East and Central Harlem District Public Health Office of the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Mr. Hayes oversees various community-based health promotion projects. Mr. Hayes has been with the Department since 1992 and has worked on a number of community health initiatives addressing violence, asthma, and lead poisoning among other issues. Before joining the Department, Mr. Hayes worked for 20 years as a community organizer with the Community Service Society, the Peoples Housing Network, and the Morris Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association, which became the model for neighborhood groups organized by the Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition. He completed a Masters in Liberal Studies with a concentration in sociology and political science from Fordham University in 1995.

### **Raquel Batista, Executive Director, Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights**

Raquel Batista is the Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Coalition for Immigrant Rights. NMCIR is committed to providing quality immigration services and organizing the immigrant community on the issues of legalization, citizenship and deportation. A graduate of CUNY Law School, Ms. Batista is a native of the Bronx and has worked as a community organizer at the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, a regional organizer on the Latinos and Census 2000 project, the Latino Voting Rights Project assuring the rights of Latino in New York City and Suffolk County during the municipal redistricting process. She is co-founder of the Latina Political Action Committee.

### **Nancy Biberman, Executive Director, Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation**

Nancy Biberman, Founder and President of the Women's Housing and Economic Development Corporation (WHEDCo), has worked in community development since 1976: a decade as a legal services attorney in Manhattan focusing on tenant protection and domestic violence, and then as a developer of the West End Intergenerational Residence in Manhattan, and of 23 abandoned buildings in the Bronx. In founding WHEDCo in 1991, Ms. Biberman brought under one roof housing development, youth and early childhood education, health care, microenterprise and social work by restoring the abandoned Morrisania Hospital in the Bronx (now known as Urban Horizons). WHEDCo recently completed Intervale Green, the nation's largest affordable Energy Star certified development. She has been named a Revson Fellow at Columbia University School of Architecture and Planning, a Wasserstein Fellow at Harvard Law School and a Fannie Mae Foundation Johnson Fellow. A graduate of Barnard College and Rutgers/Newark Law School, she is a Board member of the Bronx Museum of the Arts and the Freelancers Insurance Company.

### **Peter Mosbacher, Senior Vice President, Amalgamated Bank**

Mr. Mosbacher is a community development professional with 29 years of work experience in the areas of urban planning, community development, non-profit management and banking. At Amalgamated Bank, he is responsible for managing the Community Development Department to ensure Community Reinvestment Act leadership within the Bank's low and moderate-income communities. Mr. Mosbacher is also responsible for identifying the banking and credit needs of the communities that the Bank serves, and works with senior management to identify retail branch locations as well as bank products, programs and services that respond to the needs of the Bank's working class customers and prospects. Since joining the Bank, Mr. Mosbacher has secured Banking Development District designation for four new retail branches located in under-served neighborhoods in Queens, Brooklyn and The Bronx. He has also initiated strategic partnerships to launch a number of programs that encourage low-income under-banked and un-banked people to access affordable banking products and services. Mr. Mosbacher has a B.A. in Environmental Design & Planning from the School of Architecture at the State University of New York at Buffalo and has completed the Economic Development Financing program conducted by the National Development Council.

### **Xavier Rodriguez, District Manager, Bronx Community Board 5**

Xavier Rodriguez is the District Manager of Bronx Community Board 5, which covers the neighborhoods of Morris Heights, Mount Hope, and parts of University Heights and Fordham. As District Manager, Mr. Rodriguez implements procedures to improve the delivery of City services to his district.