

**Various proofs that the EDC promised a home for PortSide NewYork in Atlantic Basin. The EDC did this during 2008, 2009, 2020 and into 2011.**

**MARY A. WHALEN 70<sup>th</sup> birthday part 12/8/08 in Atlantic Basin.**

Venetia Lannon says the following on video. We have the clip.

*“...last but not least, we would like to see a permanent home for PortSide here in the Atlantic basin. I think that this is a great place umm what we’ve been hearing from Red Hook and others for a long time, people want public access here in the basin and we think what better way to bring the public to Atlantic Basin and to celebrate not only the working past of the working waterfront embodied in this beautiful 70 year old oil tanker whose birthday we are celebrating today. But also to connect to the future of Red Hook and keeping the waterfront working and keeping jobs and making connection between the [kids] of the Harbor School and the port which is so essential to New York City. So thank you very much for coming on this cold day and hopefully we will have future events on warmer days.”*

**From MWA Waterwire December 10, 2008**

*“Venetia Lannon, SVP of the EDC, said that the EDC looked to include a home for the Whalen and PortSide in their new plans for Atlantic Basin, so this event should be a sign of more to come.”*

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs021/1102224464492/archive/1102359349322.html>

**Brooklyn CB6 6 Economic & Waterfront Development Committee  
Public Meeting About Plans For Atlantic Basin.**

PortSide taped this meeting and provides the following transcripts on our website at [http://www.portsidewyork.org/edc\\_plans.htm](http://www.portsidewyork.org/edc_plans.htm). We also have the original sound files.

Monday 1/5/09, 6:30pm Presenters at the meeting:

EDC (first public presentation of their new plans for Atlantic Basin)

New York Water Taxi (presenting NYWT/Durst Org master plan for Atlantic Basin that was rejected but which they want reconsidered.)

PortSide NewYork (general update and description of what our Atlantic Basin programs would be)

[Intro and EDC presentation](#)

[New York Water Taxi presentation](#)

[PortSide NewYork presentation](#)

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Venetia Lannon: *“we’re also trying to incorporate the kinds of cultural uses that PortSide is talking about. I think it’s a mix of old and new. And I think it’s something that we’re proud to stand behind.”*

*“I concur with Greg that the Red Hook Container Terminal is an essential piece of infrastructure and we need to see more goods, not less goods, more sheds, not less sheds, dedicated to bringing in goods by the water. But, you know, that being said, we recognize that it’s not just a piece of infrastructure, it’s also your waterfront and our waterfront. And, therefore, we also want to accommodate uses such as PortSide or cultural uses that will grow over time, that will incorporate public access to the area.”*

There were several future presentations by the EDC in early 2009 to various local bodies, we do not have transcripts from those meetings. By the time that the Phoenix lease was announced as final (March 2009 comes to mind), the commitment to PortSide had coalesced from idea to promise and was understood by all to be that.

**Community board 6 minutes:** Economic/waterfront/comm. Dev. & housing committee, March 16, 2009 [www.brooklyncb6.org/ attachments/EWCDH20090316.doc](http://www.brooklyncb6.org/attachments/EWCDH20090316.doc)

PortSide mentioned in two sections by name:

*“Portside gets 5,000 square feet – a permanent home.”*

*Q. Timing of plan components.*

*1. PortSide events as early as this summer.*

**Community Board 6 minutes**

Economic/waterfront/comm. Dev. & housing committee February 22, 2010

[http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=21&ved=0CCIQFjAAOBQ&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.brooklyncb6.org%2F\\_attachments%2F2010-02-22%2520Minutes%2520EWCDH.doc&ei=0go\\_T42xCKfu0gHJ0MnIBw&usg=AFQjCNG06nKfo5oa9mS89c3oOPLfey2fBQ](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=21&ved=0CCIQFjAAOBQ&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.brooklyncb6.org%2F_attachments%2F2010-02-22%2520Minutes%2520EWCDH.doc&ei=0go_T42xCKfu0gHJ0MnIBw&usg=AFQjCNG06nKfo5oa9mS89c3oOPLfey2fBQ)

Update and discussion with representatives for the Economic Development Corporation on various issues related to Piers 7-12 including, but not limited to, a recap on recent Atlantic Basin Upland Roundtable workshop regarding use of Pier 12 parking lot, status of Phoenix Beverages tenancy and occupancy of Pier 7 and Pier 11 and followup on related issues, status of lease for PortSide New York’s cultural use space at Atlantic Basin, update on cold-ironing initiative for Red Hook Cruise Terminal, and update on ongoing work with the Department of Small Business Services to integrate economic activity at the waterfront into direct support for the local, neighborhood economy.

**PortSide NY Lease**

- *Hope to have license going for this summer. Negotiations are ongoing.*

## **MWA Waterwire**

EDC Reveals Next Steps In Waterfront Initiatives Friday, December 17, 2010 - 2:54pm

<http://waterfrontalliance.org/waterwire/2010/12/17/edc-reveals-next-steps-waterfront-initiatives>

*"One of the first RFPs, he said, will be for Atlantic Basin. "This is first because it has protected water and a bulkhead in good shape," Mr. Genn said. "The challenge of Atlantic Basin will be to create more docking space. And anyone bidding on Atlantic Basin would have to understand that PortSide New York [a nonprofit organization offering maritime and cultural activities] is part of the agreement. Our intention is to embed them into the RFP. We'll make community and commerce complementary."*

This was quoted various places including newsletter of NYMAR (NY Maritime Inc trad group )

[http://www.nymar.org/newsletters/2010\\_newsletters/2010\\_12\\_15\\_newsletter\\_fulllength.html](http://www.nymar.org/newsletters/2010_newsletters/2010_12_15_newsletter_fulllength.html)

## **New York Observer**

Red Hook Piers Fight Unites Former Foes (Updated)

<http://www.observer.com/2009/real-estate/red-hook-piers-fight-unites-former-foes-updated>

*"In February, Phoenix got Pier 7. With that deal in place, Mr. Armstrong and others assumed that the city would put Phoenix on Piers 7 through 10, and allow Mr. Fox to develop Piers 11 and 12. Instead, the EDC announced it would also lease part of Pier 11 to Phoenix, who would share the pier with the maritime non-profit Portside New York."*

and

*"Update: April 8 11:33 a.m.*

*The follow is a statement from EDC senior vice president Venetia Lannon: "We believe that Atlantic Basin presents an excellent opportunity to achieve the dual goals of revitalizing Brooklyn's working waterfront and bringing residents and visitors back to the Red Hook waterfront. The combination of Phoenix Beverages and its 500-plus jobs and potential to grow additional jobs and bring more products and goods to New York by water, coupled with PortSide's ability to offer, not only access to the waterfront, but also educational maritime-related programs and events, is a unique opportunity to fulfill the City's vision for the area."*

## **The Brooklyn Paper**

Culture has docked in Red Hook, March 24, 2009

By Mike McLaughlin [http://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/32/12/32\\_12\\_mm\\_whalen.html](http://www.brooklynpaper.com/stories/32/12/32_12_mm_whalen.html)

*“They [PortSide] offer nearly everything we want to do in a cultural use — provide access to the water, educational events and job training to the working maritime,” said Janel Patterson, a spokeswoman for the Economic Development Corporation.*

## **Multiple citations In Adam Armstrong blog include**

The Columbia Waterfront Neighborhood Association had its general meeting last night at which the EDC presented their plans (now signed off on by the Port Authority) for the Red Hook and Columbia Street waterfront. It was much of the same, unfortunately, with very little new information about what impact this development will have on our neighborhoods.

<http://aviewfromthehook.blogspot.com/2009/09/sunday-sept-13th-5-7pm-celebrate.html>

<http://aviewfromthehook.blogspot.com/2010/06/phoenix-is-using-pier-11-for-recycling.html>

<http://aviewfromthehook.blogspot.com/2009/05/nycedc-to-red-hook-drop-dead.html>

<http://aviewfromthehook.blogspot.com/2009/09/red-hook-welcomes-dutch-flat-bottomed.html>

<http://aviewfromthehook.blogspot.com/2009/09/ceremony-honoring-historic-dutch.html>

<http://aviewfromthehook.blogspot.com/2009/06/portside-new-york-fundraiser-tomorrow.html>

<http://wordoncolumbiastreet.blogspot.com/2009/06/fundraiser-for-portside-ny-saturday-613.html>

<http://www.redhookstar.com/Star%20Revue%20Archive/Red%20Hook%20Star%20Revue%20for%20web%20June%202011.pdf>

At time of this research, the Brooklyn Eagle’s website is down.

The Courier’s has been relaunched so old links no longer work. We have yet to search for the articles by title on the new website or use [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org)