

**Postal Service Taken Off Community Board Agenda
Attempt to sneak through “Relocation” of Harlem’s historic College
Station Post Office halted for now
USPS announces that its Thursday presentation of proposal on December 12th
has been cancelled**

December 11, 2013 – New York City. The United States Postal Service’s attempt to present a proposal to “relocate” the historic College Station Post Office located at 217 West 140th Street at an unpublicized meeting of Community Board 10’s Economic Development committee this Thursday, December 12th at 6:30pm has been thwarted. Community Board 10 has removed the Postal Service from the agenda of the Economic Development Committee meeting. When the Board became aware of the fact that the USPS had misrepresented its intentions, the Board felt that he had no other option than to remove the presentation from the agenda. While the Postal Service had told the board that this its presentation to the committee was the initial meeting in a process, it was at the same time, promoting the very same meeting with a Notice of Public Meeting at the College Station Post Office.

The Community Board has strict rules that public meetings must be announced two weeks in advance. The Community Board publicizes the public meetings through email blasts to all interested parties in the community. Thursday’s Community Board Committee meeting was scheduled for a venue that has room for 20 people. The committee itself has 17 members.

Earlier today the Postal Service issued a notice stating “Attention – Presentation Cancellation” making it appear that Community Board 10 was not interested. In reality, the Community Board is very interested in making sure that the entire community hears the presentation.

While it appears that the Postal Service was trying to sneak one by, what it actually has accomplished is galvanizing the community to protect the College Station Post Office. The community will be ready when the Postal Service makes its next attempt.

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