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Cultural Affairs Committee
Wednesday, September 1, 2010
Board Office
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PRESENT: Debbie Quinones; Aurora Flores; Celia Ramirez, Roberto Ayala and Ismael Nunez

EXCUSED: Joann Lawson and Alexandra Vasallo

The chair explained that the first meeting of the committee is a working session to identify issues to address during the 2010-2011 session. In the past the committee has had a long history of looking at the cultural infrastructure, tourism development and preservation efforts. Given the limited resources, she expressed the need for realistic goals and objectives. To assist the process she suggested the committee identify broad topics.

After discussion the following topic were identified:

- **The state of Cultural Institutions/Programs** – To request an update in the search for the Museo director. After the meeting in June when board member Felix Lopez presented, I along with Mathew and George met with the search team and were able to contribute in the language for the job description. Some of the issues discussed where a knowledge of Caribbean/Puerto Rican art, an understanding the stateside Puerto Rican community, skills in community development and linkages to local artist.
- Extend invitations to the following: Julia de Burgos, and African Museum, Museum of the City of New York, Art for Change, Manna House, Opus, Casabe House, Caribbean Cultural Center, Hope Community and others
- **Carnivals Update and Permits**
- **Capital Projects** – La Marqueta, PS 109, revisit the discussion about a Tito Puente Statue, MTA station renovations, and DOT street crosswalks.
- **Develop relationships with DCA, NYSCA**
- **Explore an Arts Advocacy initiative** – Coordinate with Arts Week in Albany to conduct follow up visits in district office. Invite all elected officials to present on initiatives
- **Metropolis Studios – At risk for closing**
- **Preservation and Tourism, UMEZ and other special initiatives**
- **Develop more communication about events in the community** – To utilize the CB website to post and develop a newsletter with Aurora and Ishmael to draft for review by Mathew and Debbie

Action items

Celia Ramirez made a motion accept the 8 topics for the 2010-2011 Session Seconded by Aurora Flores. Motion passed unanimously

Announcements

Music at the Marqueta continues on Sats
Zon del Barrio – Program at 72 Columbus
La Fonda – Live music on Thursdays
Nueva York Exhibition at the Museo