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Cultural Affairs and Preservation Committee Board Office (1664 Park Ave. 117/118th Street) May 4, 2011

Present: Debbie Quinones, Robert Ayala, Celia Ramirez and Alexandra Vasallo

Absent: Joann Lawson

Guest: Lili Santiago-Silva, Christine Licata and Felix Leo Campos

Chair's Report

April minutes Clarification

The Community Board had issued a letter of support for the Tito Puente statue back in 2000. The Friends of Tito Puente have requested an updated version. They continue to work with the Puente family. The proposed site is Foley Circle at 110th and 5th Ave. The committee has asked them to conduct a public meeting to gather input from the community.

Budget Statement

Past concerns were raised about the committee's coordination of the arts festival and the lack of comment on policy or advocacy regarding budget cuts.

The committee asked EH cultural institutions to prepare a budget impact statement to assist the committee to prepare a budget statement. The committee is very concerned that the proposed budget cuts will impact programs and reduce access for EH residents. The committee wanted to go on record.

Museum of the City of New

The on site renovation to create a climate control environment for the collection has been stalled due to budget cuts.

Preservation

Aug. 2011 marks the 125th anniversary of **Our Lady Queen of Angels Church**. They are coordinating a community campaign and want to develop a book with letters of support. They have been invited to present and may be requesting assistance with the celebration campaign.

Presenter

After Dark Productions – Felix Leo Campos

After Dark Productions is a network of media associates that come together to create video promos and documentaries in EH and the Bronx. They have worked with many EH groups and are available for hire. They have a large archive of EH footage and hope to continue their efforts to preserve and document the EH community.

In addition to extending committee membership, the chair explained that the committee seeks to update their information to post on the community board web site and the following questions are asked of all presenters

Where are you located? In the Bronx

Do you have staff? A network of volunteers

Do you have program materials? Not at this time

What type of services do you provide? Video documentation and production of videos

Do you receive funds from the DCA? Not at this time

Are you willing to share program materials for our website? Yes

Announcements

Open house – Urban Garden center

Union Settlement Ethic Festival

Museo – Wepa Weds