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Cultural Affairs and Preservation Committee Meeting  
April 6, 2011  
Board Office  
1664 Park Avenue (117<sup>th</sup> /118<sup>th</sup>)

Present:

D. Quinones, A. Vasario, R. Allaya, J. Lawson and C. Ramirez

### **Chair Persons report and discussion**

#### **Cultural issues**

##### **PS. 109**

Participated on a conference call with City Properties, Housing, El Barrio Operation Fight Back and Art Space. The topic was the status of the P. S. 109 artist housing project. At this point they moving ahead and were encouraged to develop a specific marketing campaign with designated staff to reach out to EH artist. The artist must be residents in EH and while they not ready for occupancy, it was suggested to begin to create and conduct workshops now to assist artist to get their papers in order. They will be invited to discuss their artist outreach plan.

##### **Museum of African Art**

Extended an invitation to Elsie MaCabe-Thompson to present on the status of the Museum of African Art and to provide clarification about support for the Tito Puente statue.

##### **Museum Mile**

The organizers of the Museum Mile have requested an extension to 110<sup>th</sup> st to include the Museum. The carnival task force declined the application due to the fact the museum is not opened. They were concerned about the lack of oversight of programming for the space from 106<sup>th</sup> st to 110<sup>th</sup>. The space can create an opportunity to showcase EH talent and include local vendors. It can be a project to consider for next year promoting EH Museum membership and tourism.

##### **Museum of the City of New York**

The funding for the third phase of the climate renovations has been cut and has impacted the staff and future exhibitions. The committee members were concerned about the impact on the Museum's collection.

##### **NYS Budget Impact Statement**

Requested and received NYS Budget Impact Statement from El Museo del Barrio and Museum of the City of New York. The proposed 10% cut to NYSCA will compound the loss of foundation and corporate grants. Layoffs to staff and impact on public programs.

##### **Tito Puente Statue**

Jose Encarnacion of the Friends of Tito Puente has request an updated letter of support for the statue. The group has received formal support form the Puente family to move ahead with development. While the statue installation is a few years away, it was proposed that the site be explored for the development as a temporary site for sculpture installation. Concern was raised about the current use of the site for bbqs and hanging out that send a negative message about EH.

### **Harlem River Park**

May 13<sup>th</sup> is the reception for the River's Edge project where local artist have created images for the railings. Please to report that 5 Eh artist were included.

### **Preservation issues**

#### **Our Lady Queen of Angels Church**

This year marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church. While the church is still closed efforts continue to reopen it. Have requested for an update on the issue.

#### **St Celia Church**

The church has launched a capital campaign for the creation of handicap ramp. Years ago they faced problems with the Landmarks Commission that declined their request.

Requested that they present and update.

### **Presenters**

After Dark Production – Felix Leo Campos – Did no show

Senator Bill Perkins preservation rep. - Michael Henry Adams – Had to reschedule

### **Action Items**

Motion by C. Ramirez and seconded by to update letter for the Tito Puente Statue with the addition of a request for community forum to educate the community about the project

NYC Budget

Committee called for restoration of the funding for completion of renovation for the Museum of the City of New York.