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Matthew S. Washington
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George Sarkissian
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Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 20, 2011, 6:30pm
Museum of the City of New York
1220 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY

PRESENT:

Beverly Alston
Jose Altamirano
Olga Ambert
Laura N. Benitez
Frank Brija
Shawn Chin-Chance
Hally Chu
Diane Collier
Hans Desnoyers
Carlos Diaz
Brodie Enoch
Judith Febbraro
La Shawn Henry
Alvin Johnson
Jewel Jones
Amie Kyros-Petrucci
Joann Lawson
Edwin Marcial
Keith Massey
Frances Mastrota
Erik Mayor
Israel Miranda
Hector Nazario
Tatiana Orlov
Cesar Ortiz
Maritza Owens
Celia Ramirez
Adejose Rosario McKoy
Edward N. Santos
Nina M. Saxon
Alexandra Vasallo
Hilda Vives-Vasquez
Matthew S. Washington
Tasha Williams

ABSENT:

Roberto Ayala
Eric Canales
David L. Giordano
Koyi Mchunu
Xavier A. Santiago
Cora Shelton
Debbie Quinones

EXCUSED:

Monica Brown
Joseph Goldbloom
Willie Mae Goodman
Peggy Morales
Martin Garcia Orduna
Tony Rivera
Yma Rodriguez
Carmen Villegas
Jennifer Yu

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Eric Rivera (St. Sen. Serrano)
Leland Dyer, Mayor's office
Ophelia Rivas (Rep. Rangel)
Ingrid Sotelo (MBP Stringer)
Dawn Sanders (AM Rodriguez)

SPEAKERS:

Theodora Telford
Christine Maisano
Taina Traverso
Emma Jackson
Cpt. Walter Columna
Pat McLean
Jose Grajales
Ava Farkas
Genevieve Andre
William Collazo
Jimmy Xie

GUESTS:

Christine Maisano
Patrick Target
Deborah Gear
Jose Grajales
A.Muhammad Ali-Cisee
Evelyn Pacheco
Barbara McClary
Lee Chong
Jimmy Xie
Wendy Ferreira
Raymond Ferreira
Walter Roberts
Ashley Veroba
Emi Wanli
William Collazo
Jonathan Carillo
V. Vann
Marina Ortiz
Theresa Richardson
Rhonda Fleming
Martina Garcia
Genevieve Andre
Augustina Pryce

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Kathy Benson – Museum of the City of New York – welcomed CB11 back to the Museum and extended invitation to community members to take advantage of the Museum’s “Good Neighbor” program, which offers discounted rates and free access to residents of the local community.

Pre-Registered Institutions, Groups and Individuals

Theodora Talfort, NYPL Aguilar Branch – announced upcoming program offering at the library including Free English classes, computer classes, and Teen Tech programs. The library is also seeking Spanish-speaking volunteers to help provide translation for library programs.

Christine Maisano, Harlem RBI – announced that organization is looking for volunteers to help with its sports and homework help programs, as well as to serve as mentors in its Youth Networking for Success program. For more information, please e-mail Christine at volunteer@harlemrbi.org

Taina Traverso – shared her concern with the rising number of families living in poverty in New York City, and encouraged the community to keep this issue on the agenda of local elected officials. Ms. Traverso invited the community to participate in *Occupy East Harlem* to take place on February 12, 2012.

Jose Grajales, Metropolitan Hospital C.A.B. – extended an invitation to community members to consider joining the community advisory board. There are currently several open seats on the board. C.A.B. is working on important issues facing the community including plans to develop housing for the elderly and disabled above a sanitation depot located on 99th Street and 1st Avenue. Ms. Grajales expressed his concerns with regard to the health and safety implications for the potentials residents of this planned housing development.

Jimmy Xie, Shen Yun Promotions Int’l – invited community to attend Shen Yun 2012, a celebration of ancient Chinese culture being presented at Lincoln Center from January 11th to 15th, 2012.

Ava Farkas, Living Wage NYC – is part of a city-wide coalition of unions and concerned citizens working in supporting of proposed municipal legislation which if passed would require that workers “in large development projects receiving public subsidies are paid at least \$10 an hour”. Ms. Farkas encouraged CB11 to approve a resolution in support of the Living Wage. For more information visit www.livingwage.org

Genevieve Andre, Art for Change – presented a “visual statement” in support of the Living Wage legislation currently being considered by the NYC Council. The statement aimed to illustrate the impact of lower wages on local families.

William Collazo, Art for Change – spoke in support of the proposed Living Wage NYC legislation. Mr. Collazo expressed his concern that the large businesses which reap the benefits of government subsidies, “do their fair share” so that local communities can also benefit from the developments their tax dollars help to subsidize.

Public Elected Officials

Ophelia Rivas – Congressman Charles Rangel – recently submitted the Public Housing Tenants Act of 2011, which aims to repeal community service requirements for families in public housing. Congressman Rangel is also working on extending unemployment insurance benefits.

Eric Rivera - State Senator Jose M. Serrano – announced upcoming Senate session and State of the State address which will be held on January 4, 2012. Also announced Senator and his wife recently welcomed a new baby girl to their family.

Dawn Sanders - N.Y. State Assemblyman Robert J. Rodriguez – provided an update on the “Millionaires Tax”, a version of which Gov. Cuomo recently re-instate which aims to raise \$1.9 million in revenue, and will provide a tax cut for middle income New Yorkers.

Borough Presidents Report

Ingrid Sotelo – reminded board members that re-applications are due by December 30, 2011, new applications are due January 13, 2012. The MBPO is conducted information sessions for potential new applicants to be held on January 4th and 5th, 2012. Also reminded community of the MBPO Green Your Block program deadline will be January 27, 2012. The MBPO has also issued a report of the his recent press conference on the possibility of Wal-Mart opening a location in Harlem.

Business Session

Roll Call – Frances Mastrota, Assistant Treasurer

Adoption of the Agenda - **Moved by Frances Mastrota, seconded by Keith Massey and passed unanimously.**

Approval of Boards Minutes - **Motion by Carlos Diaz, with corrections to SLA minutes, seconded by Edwin Marcial and passed unanimously.**

Chairs Report – Matthew S. Washington – reported on recent participation, along with vice-chair Diane Collier, at the 125th Street Holiday Lighting. He also attended the annual East Harlem tree lighting ceremony at 106th Street and 3rd Avenue. Thanked Hally Chu on her work in organizing the upcoming March 15, 2012 Job Fair, and encouraged board members to contact Hally to find out what they could do to help. Announced that George Sarkissian and Diane Collier are working on updating the CB11 Statement of District Needs. Thanked Frances Mastrota for her service as an officer of Community Board 11. **Motion to approve by Lashawn Henry, second by Judith Febbraro, passed**

unanimously.

District Manager Report – George Sarkissian – submitted report for information purposes. Announced low income housing opportunity at 102nd Street and 5th Avenue. The application deadline will be December 31, 2012. Mr. Sarkissian asked the community to help spread the word widely particularly in light of the fast approaching application deadline. **Motion to approve by Alvin Johnson, seconded by Keith Massey and passed unanimously.**

Election of Officers (continued from Dece. 2011 meeting)

Brodie Enoch provided an explanation as to the delayed election for the position of Assistant Secretary. The election was delayed as a result of the December 2011 meeting running too long for time and needing to be terminated before the election could take place.

- Assistant Secretary – Carlos Diaz was elected to the position of Assistant Secretary with 23 votes. Monica Brown also received 8 votes.

Action Items and Committee Reports

SLA Sub-Committee

- 1. OP New License for CTMG Madison, LLC (Fox & Fiddler) (LL# 1247816), 1410 Madison Ave. New York 10029 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, Barry Fox (“Attorney”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on December 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicants wish to extend their License to outdoor seating in the back and asked for a 30 day waiver of extension; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation would be from 10:00 am until 2:00 am daily, there will be recorded & quiet live music; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public were present to speak for or against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, the committee believes this application is in the best interest of the community; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Manager Chef at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11 **supports the New OP License for CTMG Madison, LLC (Fox & Fiddler (LL#1247816), 1410 Madison Ave., New York 10029 (“Applicant”)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application is different than the application presented to CB11M, then CB11M calls upon the SLA to deny the application.

Motion to approve by Edwin Marcial Seconded by Israel Miranda. Motion Passed

2. Renewal OP License for Great Performances / Artistsus Waitresses (c/o El Museo del Barrio) (LL#1229837), 1230 5th Avenue/ aka 1 E. 104th St. New York, NY 10029 (“Applicant”)

WHEREAS, Mary Villamizar, Mindy Birnbaum, Dean Martinus, Eileen Reyes Arias (“**Representatives**”) appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on December 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm Tuesday through Saturday and 12 noon to 4:00 pm on Sunday, there will be recorded music and live music during special events (closed on Monday); and

WHEREAS, No member of the public was present to speak against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, the committee believes this application is in the best interest of the community; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M **supports the New OP License for Great Performances / Artistsus Waitresses (c/o El Museo del Barrio) (LL#1229837), 1230 5th Avenue/ aka 1 E. 104th St. New York, NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application is different than the application presented to CB11M, then CB11M calls upon the SLA to deny the application.

Motion to approve by Edwin Marcial Seconded by Israel Miranda. Motion Passed

3. Renewal RW License for Catering & Restaurant Services, LLC (Yo in Yo out) (LL# 1247774), 1569 Lexington Ave. NY 10029 (“Owner”)

WHEREAS, Jade Alhassani (“**Owner**”) appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on December 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has requested an expedited 30 day waiver due to medical hardship; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 11:00 am to 10:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday and 9:00 am to 10:00 pm on Saturday and 9:00 am to 9:00 pm on Sunday (closed on Monday); and

WHEREAS, No member of the public was present to speak against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, the committee believes this application is in the best interest of the community; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M supports the **Renewal RW License for Catering & Restaurant Services, LLC (Yo in Yo out) (LL# 1247774), 1569 Lexington Ave. NY 10029 (“Owner”)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application is different than the application presented to CB11M, then CB11M calls upon the SLA to deny the application.

Motion to approve by Edwin Marcial Seconded by Israel Miranda. Motion Passed

4. Renewal RW License for Taqueria La Fogata Inc. (LL#1144587), 2102 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10029 (“Applicant”)

WHEREAS, **Louis Malave (“Attorney”)**, appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on December 7, 2011, CB11 having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 12:00 pm to 2:00 am, daily; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public were present to speak for or against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, the committee believes this application is in the best interest of the community; and

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M supports the **Renewal RW License for Taqueria La Fogata Inc. (LL#1144587), 2102 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application is different than the application presented to CB11M, then CB11M calls upon the SLA to deny the application.

Motion to approve by Edwin Marcial Seconded by Israel Miranda. Motion Passed

Executive

5. Edward Santos made a motion to approve a resolution supporting the Living Wage Bill (Fair Wages for New Yorker Act Intro 251A). The motion was seconded by Carlos Diaz and approved: 10 in Favor, 0 Opposed, 5 Abstentions (Altamirano, Brija, Collier, Henry and Owens).

Youth and Education

6. Frances Mastrota made a motion to provide the Harbor Charter School a letter of support to assist in their efforts to find an alternate space for their school in Community Board 11. The motion was seconded by Erik Mayor and approved unanimously.

** The remaining committee reports were submitted for information purposes. **

Motion to approve all committee reports as a matter of record by Cesar Ortiz, seconded by Celia Ramirez, and passed unanimously.

Old Business

By-Laws Amendment – Edward Santos made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to the Community Board 11 by-laws. The motion was seconded by Frances Mastrota. The motion failed as it did not garner 2/3 of the vote.

New Business

Tasha Williams made a motion for the Board to donate an amount, not to exceed \$500.00, for the purchase of presents in support of the CB11 Holiday Toy Drive. The motion was seconded by Israel Miranda and passed

A motion to adjourn was made by Brodie Enoch. The motion was seconded by Keith Massey and passed unanimously.