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Matthew S. Washington
Chair

George Sarkissian
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Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 6:30pm
National Black Theater
2031 5th Avenue
New York, NY

PRESENT:

Beverly Alston
Jose Altamirano
Olga Ambert
Laura N. Benitez
Frank Brija
Monica Brown
Diane Collier
Carlos Diaz
Brodie Enoch
Judith Febbraro
David L. Giordano
Joseph Goldbloom
LaShawn Henry
Alvin Johnson
Jewel Jones
Amie Kyros-Petrucci
Joann Lawson
Edwin Marcial
Keith Massey
Frances Mastrota
Erik Mayor
Israel Miranda
Peggy Morales
Hector Nazario
Martin Garcia Orduna
Cesar Ortiz
Debbie Quinones
Tony Rivera
Yma Rodriguez
Xavier A. Santiago
Edward N. Santos
Nina M. Saxon
Alexandra Vasallo
Hilda Vives-Vasquez
Matthew S. Washington
Tasha Williams
Jennifer Yu
Carmen Villegas
Hally Chu
Tatiana Orlo

ABSENT:

Bobby Ayala
Eric Canales
Shawn Chin-Chance
Willie Mae Goodman
Koyi Mchunu
Maritza Owens
Cora Shelton

EXCUSED:

Hans Desnoyers
Adejose Rosario McKoy
Celia Ramirez

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Eric Rivera (St. Sen. Serrano)
Cathleen McCadden, (AM Wright)
Mariely Sanchez (DA Vance)
Edgar Yu (DA Vance)
Ingrid Sotelo (MBP Stringer)
Elsie Encarnacion (CM Mark-Viverito)
CM Melissa Mark-Viverito

SPEAKERS:

Marietta Palmer
George Amparo
Susu Lespier
Nagib Fazar
Jose Grajales

GUESTS:

Lee Chong
Purvi Thacker
Jessica Hartogs
Sky McCarthy
Joseph Esheyishu
Aureliu Esquilin
Damariz Perez
Noelle Marcus
Sarah Kazadi
Warren James
David Nocenti
M.J. Deereaux
Carol Shapiro
Faye Premer
Jose Grajales
Thomas Williams
Ylia Wilson
Ben Teitelbaum
Johnny Rivera
Marietta Palmer
Mimi Fisher
Michael Buckley
Carmen Pinero
Carmen Fernandez
Jake Carlson
P. Kelly
S. Gastel

GUESTS:

R. Scott Giblin
Ali Cisse
Scott Edwards
Wendy Ferreria
Raymond Ferreira
Paul Freitag
Susan Lespier
Adriane Mack
Kenneth Wright

Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2011, 6:30pm
Union Settlement
237 East 104th Street
New York, NY

Pre-Registered Institutions, Groups and Individuals

Marietta Palmer, Washington Houses TA – announced Washington Houses’ support for the Harlem RBI Dream Charter School development project and thanked Harlem RBI for choosing Washington Houses as the site for this project.

George Amparo, Turnkey Consulting – described Turnkey’s work as construction consultants to small to mid-size, and not-for-profit developers. Help manage the construction process from choosing architects to construction companies. Contact information is 516-610-7282 and www.turnkeyconsultingllc.com.

Susu Lespier, Soluna Holistic Spa – owner of Soluna Holistic Spa announced recent opening on 103rd Street between Lexington and Park Avenues. Offerings include massage, facials, holistic education. Contact information is 212-876-1326.

Nagib Fazan, National Black Theater – Welcomed Board to the theater and invited community to use the space for community and private events. Invited community to partake of the artistic offerings presented at the theater.

Jose Grajales, Metropolitan CAB – the new chairperson of the Metropolitan Community Advisory Board, thanked CB11 for its support, in particular Jewel Jones, David Giordano, Monica Brown, Tony Rivera, and Candy Vives-Vasquez.

Public Elected Officials

State Assemblyman Robert Rodriguez – discussed highlights from recent legislative session and ongoing work with regard to rent regulations and vacancy decontrol. Encouraged community to continue to advocate on behalf of these issues in light of the challenges a divided state legislature poses to progress on these fronts. Also discussed his support for legislation passed allowing livery cab street hails north of 96th Street and in outer boroughs.

Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito – discussed work of youth violence taskforce and recent youth fair. Office is working on developing a platform and identifying best practices aimed at addressing the rising trends in youth violence. Announced upcoming “Brides March”, which aims to bring attention to and educated community on anti-domestic violence efforts and resources. Also announced launch of Participatory Budgeting NYC project to which her office has committed \$1 million in discretionary capital funds which district members will decide how to spend. Also expressed her support for the NYC DOT’s plan to install protected bike lanes along 1st and 2nd Avenues.

Mariely Sanchez & Edgar Yu – NY District Attorney’s office – Ms. Sanchez introduced herself as new Community Affairs representative for CB11; position was formally held by Maria DelaRosa. Mr. Yu is the LGBT liaison for the DA’s office and invited community to contact the office regarding questions or LGBT-related legal issues.

Leland Dyer, Mayor’s Office of Community Affairs – Mr. Dyer is the new Manhattan Director for the Community Affairs. Invited community to contact him regarding city agency services.

Eric Rivera – St. Senator Jose Serrano – reported Senator is disappointed with the recent Secured Communities decision and will continue to work on the issue; working to adopt an arts education blueprint for the state. Shared office contact information: 212-828-5829 and erivera.nys@gmail.com.

Cathleen McCadden, State Assemblymember Keith Wright – reviewed series of community events AM’s office participated in during the summer break. Office has been focusing on the issue of teen violence. Shared office telephone number: 212-866-5809 and invited community to visit AM’s Facebook and Twitter pages.

Borough Presidents Report

Ingrid Sotelo – reviewed events MBPO participated in during summer including Super Sprouts which sought to provide nutrition information to young children; Mexican Independence Day event at St. Paul’s Church. Ms. Sotelo also announced that MBPO has recently published a Know Your Rights guide focused on issues of immigration. Shine A Light on Domestic Violence on October 12th 6:45pm and Think Outside The Cell on October 24 at 7:30am, Jewish Heritage Celebration on October 26 at 6pm.

Presentation on 1st and 2nd Avenue bike lanes, NYC Department of Transportation

Dalila Hall and Alan Wa proved a brief presentation on DOT’s proposed plan to install protected bike lanes along 1st and 2nd Avenues from 96th to 125th Streets. Mr. Wa described the details of the planned improvements and how these bike lanes work in conjunction with the existing M15 Select Bus Service. Improvements would include offset parking and pedestrian islands. The bike lanes will run along the sidewalk curb edge with the offset parking serving as protection for the bicyclists. Pedestrian islands will help to shorten crossing distances for pedestrians. Driving lanes will be lessened as a result but DOT studies from similar projects in lower Manhattan have show that vehicle capacity has been maintained. DOT maintains that traffic safety improvements have been shown for vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians. In response to concerns from local merchants about loss of parking and potential impacts on their customers and vendors, DOT has promised to work with them to find parking solutions that take these concerns into consideration. DOT also pledged to arrange a meeting with local commercial interests to have a dialogue about similar concerns and ways to find workable solutions. Questions were also raised specially about how the existing bike lanes and SBS have impacted vehicular traffic in the community and how this has affected local businesses. In response to questions on the level of outreach to local residents, in particular public housing along 1st and 2nd Avenues, DOT reported that they’d coordinated with NYCHA community affairs contacts to help get the word out

regarding the planned bike lanes, and reminded the Board that extensive outreach was done when SBS was rolled out which included information on the plan to include bike lanes. DOT assured Board that they've learned from their experience with the bike lanes in lower Manhattan and that efforts to work with local merchants there have had positive results, they intend to have similar contact with businesses in East Harlem portion of the project.

Presentation on Participatory Budgeting NYC, Carmen Piñero, Community Voices Heard

Ms. Piñero provided a brief presentation on the Participatory Budgeting NYC project. Four NYC Council Members, including Melissa Mark-Viverito, have each pledged at \$1 million in discretionary capital funds which their local communities will vote on how to spend. She described how the project came to be enacted in NYC and how local residents can become involved in the process. Throughout the Fall and Winter, local residents are to gather in neighborhood assemblies to discuss ideas for capital projects they hope to see come to their communities. Budget delegates will then work with the councilmembers' office and city agencies to develop formal project proposals which will be presented to the community in a second round of assemblies to be held in the Spring of 2012. The community will have an opportunity to vote on their favorite projects in March. Those interested in participating and/or volunteering can find more information at pbnyc.org or contact Melissa Mark-Viverito's office. Councilmember Mark-Viverito also thanked Community Board 11 for its help in spreading the word on the project and reported that both George Sarkissian and Angel Mescain-Archer had volunteered to serve as co-chairs of the 8th District committee, representing East Harlem. The councilmember asked for volunteers to help with outreach, logistics, and facilitation.

Business Session

Roll Call – Monica Brown, Secretary

Adoption of the Agenda - **Moved by Carlos Diaz, seconded by Tony Rivera and approved unanimously.**

Approval of Boards Minutes - **Motion by Edwin Marcial seconded by Jose Martin Orduna and passed unanimously.**

Chairs Report – thanked Diane Green for her efforts in support of the Phil Reed Way street renaming, reported on the recent conversation on redistricting facilitated by the office of CM Mark-Viverito and expressed hope that more meeting on the issue can be arranged, welcomed all members back from the summer break and thanked the Cb11 staff and Judith Febbraro for all their hard work during the summer. **Motion to approve by Edward Santos, second by Yma Rodriguez, passed unanimously.**

DM Report – submitted his report for informational purposes. Encouraged board members to become involved in the Participatory Budgeting project. **Motion to approve by Brodie Enoch, seconded by Tony Rivera and passed unanimously.**

Action Items and Committee Reports

Public Safety and Transportation

- 1. Olga Ambert made a motion to accept a resolution passed by Manhattan Community Board 8 requesting that the City Council's Transportation committee hold an oversight hearing on current enforcement efforts of the local laws regulating newsracks and consider updating and revising those regulations. Keith Massey seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Frances Mastrota made a motion to support the application of Sayeda Farzana Mozid for a proposed newsstand to be located at the northeast corner of 125th Street and Lexington Avenue in front of 153 East 125th Street. The motion was seconded by Lashawn Henry and passed with 6 votes in opposition and 1 abstention.**
- 3. Candy Vives-Vasquez made a motion to support the Department of Transportation's plan to extend parking buffered bike lanes along 1st and 2nd Avenues between 96th and 125th Streets. The motion was seconded by Olga Ambert and passed with 3 abstentions.**

SLA Sub-Committee

- 4. New OP License for ERP Food Court LLC / Kafeteria (LL# N/A), 524 East 116th St., New York 10029 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, Francis Buscemi and Martin Mehler (“Representatives”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation would be from 7:00 am until 11:00 pm daily; and

WHEREAS, the Representatives expressed to the committee that no liquor will be served during the day; 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11 **supports** the **New OP License for ERP Food Court LLC / Kafeteria (LL# N/A), 524 East 116th St., 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

5. **Renewal RW License for Moon House Chinese Restaurant Inc. (LL# 1240724), 1810 3rd Avenue, NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, Yuk Yan Zhang (“Owner”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process (Awaiting Application); and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily; and

WHEREAS, the Owner has agreed to no live music of any kind; 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M supports the **Renewal RW License for Moon House Restaurant (LL# 1240724), 1810 3rd Avenue, NY 10029**

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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

6. **Renewal RW License for El Paso Taqueria Restaurant Corp. (LL# 1120050), 1642 Lexington Ave. NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

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

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday and 11:00 am to 12:00 am Friday and Saturday; 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M **supports** the **Renewal RW License for El Paso Taqueria Restaurant Corp. (LL# 1120050), 1642 Lexington Ave. 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

7. **New OP License for Ricardo I LLC, d/b/a Ricardo’s Ocean Grill – Seafood (LL# N/A), 2312 2nd Avenue (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, Elpidio Escamilla (“Owner”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011, CB11 having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 4:00pm to 11:00 pm, Sunday through Friday and 11:00am to 12:00am Saturday; and

WHEREAS, the Owner expressed interest in providing background CD 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 Chef & Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M **supports** the **New OP License for Ricardo I LLC, d/b/a Ricardo’s Ocean Grill – Seafood (LL# N/A), 2312 2nd Avenue (“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 Frank Brija. Seconded by Celia Ramirez. Motion Passed.

8. **New RW License for Bistro 118 Restaurant Bar Inc. (LL# N/A), 170 E. 118th Street. NY 10035 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, Egma Caizagvano (“President”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be from 7:00 am to 12:00 am daily; and

WHEREAS, the premise will include 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M supports the **New RW License for Bistro 118 Restaurant Bar Inc. (LL# N/A), 170 E. 118th Street. NY 10035 (“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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

9. **Renewal RW License for Café Cacao Inc. d/b/a Joy Burger Bar (LL# 1205548), 1567 Lexington Avenue, Store #4, NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

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

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 11:00 am to 11:00 pm daily; and

WHEREAS, the premise will include recorded 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M supports the **Renewal RW License for Café Cacao Inc. d/b/a Joy Burger Bar (LL# 1205548), 1567 Lexington Avenue, Store #4, 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

10. New OP License for Adam Jon Clark d/b/a Cross Town Tavern, (LL# N/A), 1259 Park Avenue NY 10029 (“Applicant”)

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

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 5:00pm to 2:00 am daily;

WHEREAS, the premise will include recorded 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M supports the **New OP License for Adam Jon Clark d/b/a Cross Town Tavern, (LL# N/A), 1259 Park Avenue, 97th St. 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

11. New OP License for William Bishop (LL# N/A), 172 E. 106th Street. NY 10029 (“Applicant”)

WHEREAS, William Bishop (“President”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the premise will include security personnel and recorded 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M **supports the New OP License for William Bishop (LL# N/A), 172 E. 106th Street. 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

12. **Renewal OP License for The Five Amigos Inc d/b/a Amor Cubano (LL# 1196543),, 2018 3rd Avenue., NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, Julio Quevedo (“Representative”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 11:00am to 1:00 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

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M **supports the Renewal OP License for The Five Amigos Inc d/b/a Amor Cubano (LL# 1196543),, 2018 3rd Avenue., 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

13. New RW License for 1779 Restaurant Corp (LL# 1247877), 1779 Lexington Ave. NY 10029 (“Applicant”)

WHEREAS, Florencio Mejia (“President”), appeared before the State Liquor Authority Subcommittee of Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) on September 7, 2011 CB11M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation from 9:00 am to 2:00 am, Saturday through Friday, and noon to 2 am on Sunday; 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 Owner at this meeting and all other considerations, CB11M **supports** the **New RW License for 1779 Restaurant Corp (LL# 1247877), 1779 Lexington Ave. 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 Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

14. Renewal RW License for El Nuevo Conquistador Sports Bar Corp (LL# 1246897), 156 E. 112th St., NY 10029 (“Applicant”)

WHEREAS, the applicant did not appear before Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) to answer any concerns regarding this license or make a public interest statement; and

WHEREAS, failure to appear rendered the committee unable to make a determination to whether application was in the public interest or to determine the “bona fides” of the application; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan opposes the **Renewal RW License for El Nuevo Conquistador Sports Bar Corp (LL# 1246897), 156 E. 112th St., NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

Motion to Deny by Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

15. **New OP License for 177 Apple, LLC d/b/a Applebee’s (LL# N/A), 509-513 E. 117th Street, NY 10035 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, the applicant did not appear before Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) to answer any concerns regarding this license or make a public interest statement; and

WHEREAS, failure to appear rendered the committee unable to make a determination to whether application was in the public interest or to determine the “bona fides” of the application; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan opposes the **New OP License for 177 Apple, LLC d/b/a Applebee’s (LL# N/A), 509-513 E. 117th Street, NY 10035 (“Applicant”)**

Motion to Deny by Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

16. **New OP License for Euphoria 69 Sports Bar Corp. (LL# N/A), 156 E. 112th St., NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

WHEREAS, the applicant did not appear before Community Board 11 Manhattan (CB11M) to answer any concerns regarding this license or make a public interest statement; and

WHEREAS, failure to appear rendered the committee unable to make a determination to whether application was in the public interest or to determine the “bona fides” of the application; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 11 Manhattan **opposes** the **New OP License for Euphoria 69 Sports Bar Corp. (LL# N/A), 156 E. 112th St., NY 10029 (“Applicant”)**

Motion to Deny by Xavier Santiago, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed unanimously.

Housing

17. **Tony Rivera made a motion to write a letter of support for the Harlem RBI/NYCHA/Jonathan Rose Cos. planned Dream Charter School project, which will also include 89 units of affordable housing. The motion was seconded by Carlos Diaz and passed unanimously.**

Economic Development

18. **Alvin Johnson made a motion to send a letter to Deputy Mayor Cas Holloway emphasizing the concerns of the small business community and request a meeting with agency heads. The motion was seconded by Tony Rivera and approved unanimously.**
19. **Lashawn Henry made a motion to write a letter to all agencies that place liens on properties requesting they adapt their notification process to include Community Boards. Additionally, contact will be made to our elected officials to considered revisions of the administrative codes and laws regarding notifications of liens and auctions to include the affected business' Community Board in addition to publicizing in the local newspapers. The letter is to be carbon copied to all council members. The motion was seconded by Nina Saxon and approved unanimously.**

Seniors

20. **Lashawn Henry made a motion to support two bills being considered in the NYS Assembly pertaining to the needs of senior citizens and send a letter to Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver (see attached):**
 - **The first bill is an act to amend the public authority laws in relations to sewer and water rates for those granted senior citizen real property tax exemptions in the city of New York. The purpose for this bill is freeze water and sewer bills for senior citizen homeowners or persons with disabilities.**
 - **The second bill is to amend the elder law in relations to instituting a senior center council. This bill seek to establish the NYS Senior Center Council, which provides a forum for discussion of challenges facing senior centers across the state and to develop strategies to address these problem.**

The motion was seconded by Jose Altimirano and approved unanimously.

Carnivals

21. **There was a motion made to approve the following street activity permit. Motion made by Edward Santos and seconded by Frances Mastrota. Approved unanimously.**

31500	Gospel Concert – Willie Mae Goodman	9/24/2011 1:00	9/24/2011 7:00	EAST 119 STREET between FIRST AVENUE and PLEASANT AVENUE
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1. **There was a motion made to approve the following street activity permit. Motion made by Edward Santos and seconded by Frances Mastrota. Approved unanimously.**

34197	Metro Hope Street Festival	10/15/2011 11:00	10/15/201 1 5:00	EAST 119 STREET between PARK AVENUE and MADISON AVENUE
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Executive

- 2. Edward Santos made a motion to support changes to the by-laws (attached to Executive Committee minutes) and move forward with the by-laws amendment process. The motion was seconded by Brodie Enoch and was approved unanimously.**

Motion to approve all committee reports as a matter of record by Xavier Santiago, seconded by Keith Massey, and passed unanimously.

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee chair Tony Rivera explained nomination process and schedule for election of officers. Elections are scheduled for November 2011; explained that nomination committee members will not be involved in any form or “lobbying”. In addition to Mr. Rivera, nominating committee members include Israel Rivera, Nina Saxon, Keith Massey, Candy Vives-Vasques, Judith Febbraro, and Yma Rodriguez. Nominations will be received until the October 2011 Full Board meeting.

Announcements

- Israel Miranda will be taking over as president of the FDNY-EMS union.

Motion by Edward Santos to support resolution in support of striking workers at the Central Park Boathouse, seconded by Frances Mastrota and passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Alexandra Vasallo, seconded by Olga Ambert and passed unanimously.