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COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN
FULL BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2009 6:30PM
PS 96 (JOSEPH Lanzetta School)
216 EAST 120TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY 10035

PRESENT:

Beverly Alston
Chester Asher
Marion Bell
Frank Brija
Monica Brown
Diane Collier
Brodie Enoch
Judith Febbraro
David L. Giordano
Willie Mae Goodman
Diane Green
Alvin Johnson
Garry Anthony Johnson
Jewel Jones
Wanda Latchman
Amie Kyros-Petrucci
Joann Lawson
Frances Mastrota
Israel Miranda
Cesar Ortiz
Debbie Quinones
Danny Perez
Celia Ramirez
Robert Rodriguez
Xavier A. Santiago
Edward Nolan Santos
Cora Shelton
Derrick Taitt
Alexandra Vasallo
Carmen Villegas
Martha L. Wiggins

ABSENT:

EXCUSED:

Donna Brueger
Deycy D. Avitia
Aurora Flores
Scott Allen Keatley
Peggy A. Morales
Martin Garcia
Linda L. Rainey
Kyndell Reid
Antonio Rivera
Carlos Rosario
Brunilda Vega
Nadine Verna
Hilda Vines-
Vasquez(Candy)
Matthew S. Washington
Joseph Goldbloom
George Figueroa
La Shawn Henry
Marina Ortiz
Joan Williams

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Elsie Encarnacion
Sylvia Alston
Socrotos Solano
Maria De La Rosa
Brian Levinson
Jaritza Taveras

SPEAKERS:

Tracy Wright
Nicole Brown
Susan Raphael
Desiree Suarez
Shauna Rainey
Elise Vazquez
Tamika Williams
Carmen Perez
Raylin Vargas

GUEST:

Lee chong
Wendy Ferreira
Raymond Ferreira
Leon Tulton
Jim Greene
Charna Rainey
Edward Franco
Sakinah Townsend-Joachim
Elys Vasquez
Susan rephael
Von Michael Hanton
Rev. Phyllis Mack
Verlerve Cheeseboro
Raybblin Vargas
Patty Kettles
Geraldine Burton
Camesha Jones
Lizette Arevalo
Theresa Richardson
Johnny Rivera
Jean Maugh
Marlic Mattson

GUEST CON'T

FULL BOARD MEETING OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11

Public Elected Speakers

Brian Levinson – Office of State Senator Jose M. Serrano – June 23, legal workshop on leases and contracts at Ortiz Wittenberg. East Harlem Against Deportation events have been successful and they are currently working on policy recommendations as well as gathering 1000 postcards to send to President Obama.

Socrates Solano – Congressman Charles B. Rangel – thanked those who attended the Puerto Rican Day Parade. House Committee on Ways & Means met with President Obama to discuss health care. The committee will be releasing a plan on Friday. Some post offices will be closing. Judge Sotomayor already has 85 committed votes.

Maria De La Rosa – Office of District Attorney Robert Morgenthau – D.A. Morgenthau attended the 125th Street Alliance meeting to present a plaque to the C.E.O of Odyssey House. He also hosted a reception for the 51 summer internship program participants. Over half of them were from Upper Manhattan. A full investigation into the accidental shooting of Officer Edwards is underway. Yesterday's shooting is still under investigation and the PSA 5 has done a full door to door search of the area.

Jaritza Taveras – Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer – hosting a budget cut rally to oppose the Mayor's budget cuts. The NYCHA elevator door restrictor bill was proposed through the state recently. The FCRC vote on Randall's Island was held last week. The Borough President voted yes as he felt the plan was sufficiently community based. The Randall's Island Sports Foundation continues to ask CB11 for a community representative.

Marion Bell – District Leader – AD 68 – discussed the UFT budget cuts. Advocating that the capital plan focus on building schools not prisons.

Pre-Registered Speakers –

Tracey Wright – P.S. 96 – welcoming remarks. The school continues to meet ELA test score thresholds.

Nicole Brown – NY Blood Center – program underway to increase the diversity of blood they collect. Specifically they are looking for more blood from Latinos and other communities of color. They will be holding a blood drive with CM Dickens on June 27th at the Harlem State Building.

Susan Raphael – Visiting Doctors of Mt. Sinai – serves 1000 patients a year, mostly elderly. They assess the home conditions and do 4-5 house calls a day. There is currently a waiting list to enroll in the program. They are currently looking to raise funds and awareness and can be reached at www.friendsofvisitingdocs.wordpress.com

Desiree Suarez – inviting people to the Edwin G. Suarez renaming. Saturday, June 20th at 4PM. Celebration at Harlem RBI field on 101st Street between 1st and 2nd.

Shauna Rainey – Metro Plus Health Plan – awareness campaign. Provide services and education as well as sponsorship opportunities.

Elise Vazquez – East Harlem Diabetes Prevention Program – primary prevention, screenings and intervention programs to prevent progression.

Tamika Williams – Uptown Dance Academy – displaced from its home and currently using a temporary space. Launching a capital funds program and will be hosting a benefit gala. (212) 987-5030 or www.uptowndanceacademy.com for more information.

Carmen Perez – Census 2010 – the short forms will be sent out in mid-March next year. Looking to get a 100% return rate in order to increase government funding in the district.

Raylin Vargas – Health Care Education Project – launching the program to support President Obama’s health care plan. Building community support and sponsoring trips to Washington. They will be collecting signatures from small business owners to gain support.

Hunter College – School of Social Work & School of Public Health – introducing themselves to the community. Developing a new school in the community, the project is an as-of-right development to be located between 118th and 119th, Lexington to Third Avenues. They will be having a groundbreaking in September and opening in September 2012.

The development will house the School of Social Work and the School of Public Health as well as the Centro de Estudios Puertorriquenos (which will have a ground floor space). The school will obviously be providing their education programs but will also be offering new public spaces. There is no residential displacement occurring due to the development and all commercial leases will have expired or lapsed.

The School of Social Work has stated that this is their dream location and are very excited to forge some strong community partnerships. The School of Public Health is also very excited about this opportunity as it is rare to have this type of school in such an urban setting. They will be working hard to ensure that the work they do is relevant to the East Harlem community.

BUSINESS SESSION

- 1) **Roll Call** – Cesar Ortiz, Secretary – Quorum reached.
- 2) **Adoption of the Agenda** – moved by F. Mastrotta seconded by I. Miranda and approved unanimously.
- 3) **Approval of the Board’s Minutes** – moved by C. Ortiz; seconded by F. Mastrotta and approved unanimously.

- 4) **Chair Report** – moved by J. Febbraro and seconded by A. Kiros-Petrucci and passed unanimously
- 5) **DM Report** – moved by A. Vasallo; seconded by C. Ramirez and passed unanimously.
- 6) **Approval of Committee Minutes with no actions** – moved by I. Miranda and seconded by X. Santiago, approved unanimously
- 7) **Approval of Committee Action Items**
 - a. Zoning Taskforce – moved by I. Miranda; seconded by D. Taitt and approved (3 abstention – F. Mastrota, A. Johnson, D. Perez).
 - b. Public Safety & Transportation – moved by J. Febbraro; seconded by G.A. Johnson and approved unanimously.
 - c. Health & Human Services – moved by J. Jones seconded by A. Johnson and approved unanimously.
 - d. City Properties/Land Use– moved by I. Miranda seconded by J. Febbraro and approved (1 against – F. Mastrota; 1 abstention – D. Perez)
 - e. Economic Development – moved by C. Ramirez and seconded by J. Febbraro and approved (1 abstention – B. Enoch).
 - f. Cultural Affairs – moved by M. Brown and seconded by C. Ortiz and approved unanimously.
 - g. Housing – moved by A. Johnson and seconded by C. Villegas and approved unanimously.
 - h. By-Laws – moved by F. Mastrota and seconded by C. Ramirez and approved unanimously.
- 8) **New Business** – Motion to host a meeting that would address the increased gun violence in the community – moved by C. Ortiz, seconded by A. Vasallo and approved unanimously.
- 9) **Adjournment** – a motion to adjourn was made by C. Ortiz and seconded by B. Enoch. The motion passed unanimously.