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## COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN

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**MONTHLY MEETING OF  
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN  
FULL BOARD MEETING,  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2010 6:30PM  
EHCCI  
413 EAST 120<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK, NY**

**PRESENT:**

Beverly Alston  
Jose Altamirano  
Olga Ambert  
Laura N. Benitez  
Frank Brija  
Hally Chu  
Diane Collier  
Hans Desnoyers  
Brodie Enoch  
Judith Febbraro  
David Louis Giordano  
Joseph Goldbloom  
Willie Mae Goodman  
Diane Green  
LaShawn Henry  
Alvin Johnson  
Jewel Jones  
Joann Lawson  
Keith Massey  
Frances Mastrota  
Israel Miranda  
Peggy Morales  
Hector Nazario  
Martin Garcia Orduna  
Cesar Ortiz  
Amie Kyros-Petrucci  
Debbie Quinones  
Celia Ramirez  
Robert Rodriguez  
Edward N. Santos  
Cora Shelton  
Derrick Taitt  
Alexandra Vasallo  
Carmen Villegas  
Matthew Washington  
Martha L. Wiggins  
Tasha Williams

**ABSENT:**

Chester Asher  
Bobby Ayala  
Ivan Caceres  
Eric Canales  
Koyi Mchunu  
Tatiana Orlov  
Tony Rivera

**EXCUSED:**

Monica Brown  
Aurora Flores  
Xvier Alistair Santiago  
Nina M. Saxon  
Hilda Vives-Vasquez (Candy)

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Elsie Encarnacion  
Ingrid Sotelo  
Jaritza Taveras

**SPEAKERS:**

Terrence Kelly  
Susan Gambler  
Johnny Rivera  
Jackyn Roman  
Julie Menin  
Fernando Salicrup

**GUEST:**

Wendy Ferreira  
Raymond Ferreira  
Emma J. Jackson  
Lee Chong  
Gloria Quinones  
Jose Caraballo  
Erica Hutchek  
Jennifer Herbert  
Gloria Asecnio  
Ray Loez  
Rafael Merino  
Charysse Redwool  
Ilzzy Berriet  
Ana Paeto  
Carmen Vasquez  
Travon Moorer  
Theresa Richardson  
Michael Pribich  
Kelly Irwin  
Maria Comper  
Raymond Tirado  
Gwen Goodwin  
Iris Perez  
Christy Yanis  
Sarah Springer  
Kemuel Geenidge

**GUEST CON'T**

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**Pre-Registered Institutions, Groups and Individuals**

**Susan Gambler – NYC Dept. of Mental Hygiene** – Informed community of Departments' initiative to combat obesity health epidemic through added sugar beverage workshop presentation to community based organizations. Asking CBO's to sign pledge to work towards reducing childhood obesity.

**Johnny Rivera – Mt. Sinai** – announced opening on CAB Board at Mt. Sinai and encouraged community members to apply for membership. Also, invited community to participate in Community Roundtable which takes place weekly at 12 pm on Thursday's.

**Fernando Salcrup – Taller Boricua** – spoke about history of Taller at Julio De Burgos Center and EDC dealing with Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito. Asking that organizations that helped establish the Center originally be included in discussions on how the Center facilities are utilized going forward. Asked that CM and EDC come back to the table, drop the RFP and allow Taller to participate in ongoing planning for the Center.

**Rafaela Bellini – Artists for Social Justice** - expressed her disappointment with the treatment Taller Boricua has received as part of recent developments. Upset that CM has been the driving force to launch campaign to discredit Taller Boricua.

**Brodie Enoch – Transportation Alternatives** - announced Rider Rebellion campaign to argue against public transportation fare hikes. Request Board support for Rider Bill of Rights. Vote Transit Rally will be held on October 27, 2010 in Union Square.

**Gloria Quiñones** – discussed history as activist in East Harlem to establish spaces for community. Expressed belief that established community organizations “open up” to allow space for new organizations trying to gain foothold and support for Taller to remain in their space.

**Julie Menin – Manhattan Community Board 1** – discussed support for Islamic Cultural Center as matter of importance for city. Explained process of approval at CB1 and reasons why it supported the project. Reported that CB1 received threats from opposition to project; asked that all CB's stand up in solidarity for religious freedom.

**Public Elected Officials**

**Elsie Encarnacion – CM Mark-Viverito** – Informed the board of CM's work with East Harlem Youth Violence Taskforce which includes CBO's, the community board, elected officials and concerned citizens to find solutions to wave of youth violence in East Harlem. Also discussed Domestic Violence Awareness Month, brought attention to initiatives to combat domestic violence, particularly among teens. Report includes CM's position on Julia De Burgos Center.

**Ingrid Sotelo – St. Sen. Jose Serrano** – announced roll out of SBS on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, informed that MTA workers will be stationed at stop during initial roll-out to help instruct riders on how to use service; Senator has attended several events and spoken out against recent anti-gay hate crimes incidents in the City; announced constituent services at Bronx office

### **Borough Presidents Report**

Jaritza Tavares – announced Community Board recruitment and deadlines for reappointment and new applicants. Applications are due January 11, 2011. Also announced “Bank On” initiative to encourage people to open bank accounts; announced MBPO report on safety of bike lanes throughout Manhattan and City.

### **Business Session**

- **Roll Call** - Diane Collier – Vice Chair
- **Adoption of the Agenda** - Moved by Frances Mastrotta, seconded by Frank Brija and approved unanimously.
- **Approval of Boards Minutes** - Moved by E. Santos, seconded by Frank Brija approved unanimously.
- **Chairs Report** – Matthew Washington extend heartfelt thought on behalf of Board to Monica Brown on recent loss of her mother. And reported Ms. Brown's appreciation to Board members to attended services and share sympathies with her. Thanked Tony Rivera for chairing Economic Development Committee and announced new Chair would be Xavier Santiago. Reminded members about need for committees to discuss and recommend budget priorities. Announced changes at Harlem Hospital; David Giordano would inform during health Committee report. Reminded members of responsibility to reach out to community to inform on board business and bring issues from community to the Boards attention. **Motion to approve by Cesar Ortiz, second by Peggy Morales, passed unanimously.**
- **DM Report** – George Sarkissian meeting, along with Martha Wiggins, Cesar Ortiz, Hector Nazario, with Superintendent of District 4, as part of Youth & Education Cmte's in-depth look at local schools to hold schools accountable to make sure they are serving local youth better. Explained need for schools not receiving necessary resources and attention if not on failing list. Encouraged CB11 to become more proactive and engaged in process of improving schools and DOE's work to fix troubled schools. Discussed extra capacity in local school facilities in East Harlem. Cesar Ortiz explained how DOE accounts for open space in schools, detailed in “Blue Book” which may contain inaccurate information. **Motion to approve by Keith Massey, second by Israel Miranda, passed unanimously.**
- **Approval of Committee Reports and Action Items** -
  - a. State Liquor Authority – E. Santos
    - i. Motion by J. Febbraro to approve liquor licenses for Las Delicias Mexicanas (Renewal, Beer & Wine), My Cousins Pizza (Renewal, Beer & Wine), Yo In Yo Out (New, Beer & Wine), Seconded by C. Ramirez and passed.
    - ii. Motion by A. Johnson to reject Asmara Deli Garden aka Moca Garden (New, Beer), Mildred Deli Grocery (New, Beer), and Pyramid Coffee (New, Beer and Wine). Seconded by K. Massey and passed.

b. Health and Human Services – D. Giordano

i. Debra Quinones made a motion to accept the proposed new mission statement and change the word Harlem Residents to CD 11 residents. The motion was second by Johnny Rivera and passed.

c. Public Safety & Transportation - Judith Febbraro made a motion to support the pedestrian safety changes planned by DOT for the following intersections: 142<sup>nd</sup> Street & 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 138<sup>th</sup> & 139<sup>th</sup> Streets at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Fifth Avenue Corridor (between 132<sup>nd</sup> & 135<sup>th</sup> Streets); second by Frances Mastrotta and passed.

d. Economic Development - Antonio Rivera made a motion to send a letter to the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) requesting the following:

a. EDC stop the RFEI process for the Julia de Burgos Cultural Center

b. EDC communicate their concerns regarding Taller Boricua's management of the space and allow them an opportunity to take corrective actions

c. The City allocate funding to sound proof the ceiling/floor between the theater and multi-purpose room.

The motion was seconded by Cesar Ortiz and approved.

Motion to approve all committee reports by X. Santiago, seconded by F. Mastrotta and passed unanimously.

- **New Business – C. Ortiz**

- Xavier Santiago made a motion to support CB1's resolution regarding the Islamic Cultural Center and Mosque. The motion was seconded by Antonio Rivera and approved

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- **Announcements – M. Washington**

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**Motion to adjourn by A. Johnson, seconded by D. Quinones and passed unanimously.**