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**COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN
FULL BOARD MEETING, TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009 6:30PM
HARLEM CHILDREN'S ZONE
35 EAST 125TH STREET
NEW YORK, NY**

PRESENT:

Beverly Alston
Chester Asher
Marion Bell
Frank Brija
Monica Brown
Diane Collier
Bodie Enoch
Judith Febbraro
George Figueroa
David L. Giordano
Joseph Goldbloom
Alvin Johnson
Garry Anthony Johnson
Jewel Jones
Scott A. Keatley
Amie Kyros-Petrucci
Joann Lawson
Frances Mastrota
Israel Miranda
Rafael Merino
Peggy Morales
Cesar Ortiz
Marina Ortiz
Danny Perez
Deborah Quinones
Celia Ramirez
Robert Rodriguez
Xavier A. Santiago
Cora Shelton
Derrick Taitt
Alexandra Vasallo
Nadine Verna
Carmen Villegas
Matthew Washington
Martha L. Wiggins
Joan M. Williams

ABSENT:

Deycy D. Avitia
Donna Brueger
Aurora Flores
Jeff Gardere
Wanda Latchman
Martin Garcia
Linda L. Rainey
Kyndell Reid
Carlos Rosario
Edward N. Santos
Brunida Vega

EXCUSED:

Willie Mae Goodman
Diane Green
Lashawn Henry
Israel Miranda
Antonio Rivera
Hilda Vives-
Vazquez(Candy)

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Calvin Solomon
Maria De La Rosa
Jaritza Taveras
Melissa Mark- Viverito

SPEAKERS:

Lt. Visco
Leon Tulton
Michael Kramer
Damon Bae
Patty – NYPL
James – NYPL
Michelle LaGuerre

GUEST:

Jim Greene
Wendy Ferreira
Raymond Ferreira
Travon Moore
James D. Drumgo
Patty Kettled
Lee Chong
Michelle Laguerre
Cecilia Aponte
Edward Franco
Theresa Richardson
Ann Arlen
Ethel Coaxum
Damon Brown-Dobbs
James Janeski
Ryoko Kobayashi
Joseph Vaccarelli
Vincent Vann
Michael Kramer
Damon Bae
Tom Lunke
Leon Wynter
Laurence Vega
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GUEST CON'T

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Public Elected Speakers

Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito – handed out report to all members. On May 1st the Mayor is expected to present the executive budget. City Council will then hold public hearings. Difficult decisions will need to be made. Councilmember has been focused on restoring DYCD and NYCHA funding in order to keep the community centers open. Will be joining the Mayor and the City Council Speaker at a Green Buildings Press Conference. Spoke briefly about her visit to the Philippines where she saw how systemically involved the local youth are. Would like to see a more open, transparent and thorough process for the Federal Stimulus Funding distribution. Encourage the Community Board to engage elected officials to ensure their priorities are included.

Brian Levinson – Office of State Senator Jose M. Serrano – concerned with the Federal Stimulus distribution. Encouraging the Governor to issue an Executive Order to get an independent auditor/inspector; create a more transparent process; to include online transparency. Also holding a press conference to launch a new initiative called “East Harlem Against Deportation”.

Calvin Solomon – Office of District Attorney Robert Morgenthau – gave an update on some outstanding cases. The deadline for the summer internship program is fast approaching so applicants are encouraged to fax their applications.

Jaritza Taveras – Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer – welcomed new members and reminded them that they need to attend the orientation meeting on April 29th. Hosted a Randall’s Island Town Hall and are now negotiation a fair and equitable concession agreement. Plan on giving away CFL Light bulbs on Earth Day. On Fridays, the Borough Presidents office will be hosting free legal clinics for labor related issues from 10-3PM in the State Office Building.

Pre-Registered Speakers –

Lt. Visco - FDNY – fire education safety unit is available to make presentations free of charge, anywhere in the city. Call (718) 281-3870 for more information.

Leon Tulton – District Public Health Office – giving away free nicotine patches as part of their stop smoking campaign. Call (646) 672-2376 for more information.

James & Patty – New York Public Library - 125th Street & Aguilar Branches – expecting severe cuts that would prevent them from offering the broad array of services currently provided. Seeking support to have the cuts reversed.

Michelle LeGuerre – Upper Manhattan Mental Health Center – geriatric outreach initiative. Offer seniors programs for depression and other mental health issues. Call (212) 694-9200 x 428 for more information.

Michael Kramer & Damon Bae - EHARM – attended the condemnation hearing. Believe that the public hearing was a sham. The City now has three years to negotiate with owners as the hearing restarted the clock. The ‘Blight Study’ has shown that the one owner who was leading to blight was actually the City of New York.

BUSINESS SESSION

- 1) **Roll Call** – Cesar Ortiz, Secretary – Quorum reached.
- 2) **Adoption of the Agenda** – moved by F. Mastrotta seconded by C. Ramirez and approved unanimously.
- 3) **Approval of the Board’s Minutes** – moved by F. Brija; seconded by A. Vasallo and approved (1 against)
- 4) **Chair Report** – moved by J. Febbraro; seconded by F. Brija and passed (3 against, 1 abstention)
- 5) **DM Report** – moved by C. Ortiz; seconded by G. Johnson and passed unanimously.
- 6) **Approval of Committee Action Items**
 - a. Office Oversight (March 2009) – moved by G. Johnson; seconded by F. Mastrotta and approved (1 against; 8 abstentions).
 - b. Health & Human Services – moved by F. Brija; seconded by M. Brown and approved unanimously.
 - c. Public Safety & Transportation – moved by J. Febbraro; seconded by M. Ortiz and approved (3 abstentions).
 - d. Youth & Education – moved by G. Figueroa and seconded by M. Bell and approved (1 abstention).
 - e. Parks & Recreation – moved by C. Ortiz and seconded by D. Taitt and approved (2 abstention, 1 PNV).
 - f. City Properties/Land Use – moved by G. Figueroa and seconded by G. Johnson and approved (1 against, 1 abstention)
 - g. Zoning – moved by M. Ortiz and seconded by C. Ramirez and approved (1 abstention).
 - h. Office Oversight – moved by M. Washington and seconded by F. Mastrotta and approved (6 abstentions).
 - i. Executive Committee
 - i. Moved by M. Washington; seconded by G. Johnson and approved (2 PNV)
 - ii. Motion to table moved by M. Ortiz; seconded by C. Shelton and passed (8 against, 3 abstentions)
 - iii. Moved by D. Quinones; seconded by M. Washington and approved (1 against)

- iv. Moved by M. Washington; seconded by C. Ortiz and approved unanimously.
- 7) **Adjournment** – a motion to adjourn was made by G. Figueroa and seconded by C. Ramirez. The motion passed unanimously.