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**COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN
FULL BOARD MEETING,
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2009 6:30PM
LA GUARDIA HOUSE
307 EAST 116TH STREET
(BETWEEN 1ST AND SECOND AVENUE)
NEW YORK, NY 10029**

PRESENT:

Chester Asher
Anne Bradshaw
Marion Bell
Frank Brija
John Brown
Monica Brown
Diane Collier
Judith Febbraro
George Figueroa
Edward Franco
Joseph Goldbloom
Willie Mae Goodman
Alvin Johnson
Garry Anthony Johnson
Jewel Jones
Amie Kyros-Petrucci
Joann Lawson
Frances Mastrota
Rafael Merino
Israel Miranda
Peggy Morales
Cesar Ortiz
Marina Ortiz
Danny Perez
Deborah Quinones
Celia Ramirez
Robert Rodriguez
Derrick Taitt
Alexandra Vasallo
Brunida Vega
Hilda Vives-Vazquez (Candy)
Matthew Washington

ABSENT:

Deycy C. Avitia
Donna Brueger
Lidia Calleja
Henry Flores
Jeff gardere
Diane Green
Wanda Latchman
Linda L. Rainey
Antonio Rivera
Nadine Verna

EXCUSED:

Lashawn Henry
Martin Garcia Orduna
Kyndell Reid
Cora Shelton
Carmen Villegas

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Maria De La Rosa
Jaritza Taveras
Brian Levinson
Rafael Escano
Maurice Cummings
Elsie Encarnacion

SPEAKERS:

Johnny Rivera
Michael Kramer
Leon Tulton
Ruby Thomas
Chris Moore

GUEST:

Theresa Richardson
Lee Chong
Wendy Ferreira
Raymond Ferreira
Leon Tulton
Johnny Rivera
Jim Greene
Luis Ramos
Ruby Thomas
Carmen Perez
Hector Nazario
Karen Hu
Adam Weinstein
Sara Levenson
Wendy Reitmeier
Alvin Thomas
Michael Kramer
Chris Moore
Xaiver A. Santiago
Scott Keatly
James Garcia
Juanita Harris
Ethel Coaxum

**FULL BOARD MEETING
OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
January 27, 2009
La Guardia House
307 E. 116th Street
New York, NY 10029**

Public Elected Speakers

Brian Levinson, Office of Senator Jose M. Serrano – at this point there are no legislative grants available, more information is expected soon. Housing remains as the top issue. Lobbying Federal government for housing within the stimulus plan. Senator has been appointed Chair of the Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks & Recreation committee.

Elsie Encarnacion – Office of Councilmember Melissa Mark-Viverito – immigration forum was very successful. The anti-displacement town hall was also well attended in spite of the cold. The next meeting is on February 9th at 115 E. 106th Street, 3rd Floor, 6 PM. The District 8 Youth Council recently made a presentation at the Manhattan Borough Board meeting.

Carmen Perez – Office of Assemblyman Keith Wright – this was her last day working at the Assemblyman's office. Now going to be working for the Census 2010. Stressed the importance of getting people to fill out the Census. Maurice Cummings is the new liaison for CB11. He stated that public assistance will increase by 30% over the next three years (10% per year). Working on getting rid of the Rockefeller drug laws.

Maria De La Rosa – Office of District Attorney Robert Morgenthau – gave updates on some high profile cases. Reminded people that the immigrant's affairs hotline is still active. In cases of landlord abuse they need people to come forward and share their experiences. Still accepting applications for their internship program.

Jaritza Taveras – Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer – on February 26th, the Borough President will be giving his State of the Borough Address. Community Education Council 4 has openings for those interested in Education.

Pre-Registered Speakers –

Johnny Rivera – Mt. Sinai – Another Community Roundtable Luncheon is upcoming. Mt. Sinai is currently starting another Asthma Study and are looking for participants. People who are having problems managing their asthma are asked to call (212) 731-7881.

Michael Kramer – East Harlem Alliance for Responsible Merchants – filed lawsuit against the City regarding the East 125th Street Development. Concerned with this development and its impacts on the community. Currently a salt pile on East 127th Street that was put there with no public notice.

Leon Tulton – District Public Health Office - holding quit smoking workshops on February 3rd. January 31st will be holding a Health Fair at the Tito Puente Educational Complex.

Ruby Thomas – Gotcha Techs – service computers at an affordable price. They work with technology recycling programs. Recently donated their services to set-up CB11’s internet workstations that are now accessible to the public.

Chris Moore – Schomburg Center for Research on Black Culture – remnants of a Negro Burial Ground have been found due to the Willis Avenue Bridge reconstruction. Currently investigating the impacts this may have on the cemetery and surrounding historic markings. For more information contact Mr. Moore at 212-491-2202 or at cppmoore@nypl.org

Stuart – Mt. Sinai School of Medicine – On April 18th they will be holding their annual Health Fair from 11-3 PM. Free Screenings and information will be available. Looking for co-sponsors to the event.

ULURP PUBLIC HEARING

Application No. C090125ZMM

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the New York City Housing Authority and Phipps Houses and Urban Builders Collaborative, LLC pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 6b changing from an R7A District to a R8A District property bounded by East 103rd Street, a line 325 feet easterly of Second Avenue, East 102nd Street, and a line 100 feet easterly of Second Avenue, Borough of Manhattan, Community District 11.

Developers: Phipps Houses, Urban Builders Collaborative, Inc.

Phipps Houses and Urban Builders Collaborative, Inc is proposing to redevelop NYCHA’s Metro North Houses as Hobbs Court and The Cienca.

Hobbs Court, the subject of this rezoning application, will be a 259-unit new construction building on E. 102nd and E. 103rd Streets. Tenants will have access to a laundry in each of the two wings and an indoor community room. They will also have access to a shared landscape courtyard/green roof for outdoor passive recreation. The project also includes an attended underground parking lot for approximately 150 cars. Union Settlement’s Home Health Care Agency is expected to be the occupant of the community facility space to be located in the building’s cellar

The building will not be seeking LEED Certification but will be meeting many of environmental specifications. They are avoiding the LEED Certification process in order to avoid the bureaucracy. The units once completed will first be available to existing residents, then people on the NYCHA waiting list. The construction is expected to take 2 years.

BUSINESS SESSION

- 1) **Roll Call** – Cesar Ortiz, Secretary – Quorum reached.
- 2) **Adoption of the Agenda** – moved by F. Mastrota seconded by A. Bradshaw and approved unanimously.
- 3) **Approval of the Board’s Minutes** – moved by C. Ortiz; seconded by I. Miranda and approved unanimously.
- 4) **Chair’s Report** – moved by H. Vives-Vazquez; seconded by F. Brija and approved (8 Abstentions).
- 5) **District Manager’s Report** – moved by G. Figueroa; seconded by F. Mastrota and approved unanimously.
- 6) **Approval of Committee Action Items**
 - a. By-Laws – moved by I. Miranda; seconded by M. Bell and approved (1 against).
 - b. Cultural Affairs – moved by C. Ortiz; seconded by J. Febbraro and approved (1 abstention).
 - c. Economic Development – moved by A. Bradshaw; seconded by A. Vasallo and approved unanimously.
 - d. City Properties/Land Use – moved by F. Mastrota; seconded by C. Ortiz and approved (1 abstention).
 - e. Health & Human Services – motion to table items was made by G. Figueroa and seconded by M. Bell and approved unanimously.
- 7) **Approval of all other Committee Minutes** – moved by C. Ortiz; seconded by A. Bradshaw and approved unanimously.
- 8) **ULURP Application No. C090125ZMM** – G. Figueroa made a motion to approve the ULURP Application No. C090125ZMM; with conditions that a) the development team pursue LEED Certification; and b) the development team engage in specific outreach to the surrounding community. The motion was seconded by A. Vasallo and approved (27 For; 4 Against; 1 Present-Not-Voting).
- 9) **Adjournment** – a motion to adjourn was made by F. Mastrota and seconded by H. Vives-Vazquez. The motion passed unanimously.