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**Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee**  
**Tuesday, October 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bonifacio Senior Housing**  
**7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035**

Present: Jose Altamirano, Diane Collier (Chair), Jonathan Camacho, Holley Drakeford, Judith Febbraro, Jose Grajales, Marissa Mack, Ed Marcial, Amie Kyros-Petrucci, Debbie Quiñones Celia Ramirez, Vincent Torres, Steve Villanueva

Absent: Ed Santos, Xavier Santiago, Jesse Yang, Faye Yelardy

Guests: Brenda Levin, Brian McGrath, Andrea Harnet-Robinson, David Lawford, Velma Morton, Valerie Garcia

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by committee Chair Diane Collier and the members introduced themselves to the public.

### 1. Discussions/Presentations

#### a. Extell/Urban Pathways 166 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street Presentation

Extell and Urban Pathways project team members Mr. David Lawford and Mr. Brian McGrath presented the components of their local hiring plan for this construction project. Construction is for an 11 unit, seven story supportive housing building and is expected to begin year-end 2015 for a period of ten months. A general contractor (1 Oak Contracting LLC) (based in Long Island City) has been hired and has committed to a local hiring plan with a 15 percent goal during the construction phase. The project team has already reached out to local businesses for subcontractors from the certified MWBE list provided by CB11.

Additional highlights of the plan include ten hour OSHA training for entry-level workers, and future meetings with local training organizations (noting Strive as the first) to assist the team with hiring and training of trade specific positions such as plumbing, electrical and carpentry.

Mr. Edwin Marcial asked the project team about their knowledge of CB11 local hiring goals and to strive for a higher target of 25%. Mr. Lawford and Mr. McGrath responded that they were aware of the 35% goal, but wanted to present a target in their plan rather than the language “best faith efforts” which often is used construction contracts. Their 15% target is based on early observations, and could increase as the project moves forward and contractors become more familiar with local resources.

Mr. Marcial noted that Mr. Vinnie Torres’ Positive Workforce company should be contacted for training in addition to Strive to compare curriculums. The Extell project

team thanked the committee for their input, stated to continue the conversations and provide progress reports to show their commitment to meet and exceed the goals.

Ms. Andrea Robinson provided insight of opportunities post-construction with Urban Pathways. She also stated that Urban Pathways has 259 employees, 13 sites and always seeking talent for positions such as cook, maintenance, caseworkers, security and administrative support. Residents can apply now at <http://urbanpathways.org/>

The Chair Diane Collier noted that resumes and applications often get lost when applying online, and asked Ms. Robinson to work with CB11 staff to link Pathways' availabilities through our website and local hiring organizations.

b. New York Public Library Budget Request

Ms. Velma Morton and Ms. Valerie Garcia, Library Managers of 125th Street and Aguilar Branch libraries, came to present NYPL's request to add language into the CB11 budget for a capital project for Aguilar library. Aguilar needs \$1.5 million to restore the visibly outdated exterior of their landmarked building. Restoration had been done ten years ago, but the façade masonry has cracked and is overdue for restoration.

In their presentation Ms. Morton and Garcia noted that last year the libraries' had 151,000 visitors who attended 676 programs, including Toddler Time, continuing adult education classes and computer classes. Ms. Collier praised the libraries for the work they do and noted that the committee and community appreciate them and their organization resources. Since we had already had included Capital requests for the library, Committee liaison Ms. Mia Brezin stated that information presented clarified our position, and it will be used for substantiation in the priorities.

2. New Business

Mr. Vinnie Torres gave a brief overview of the Monument Art project. As with the Los Muros Hablan project two years ago, new murals were painted on 11 building sites (including three schools) throughout East Harlem and the South Bronx. The sites are in closer proximity and in essence are creating a mural district. There was discussion to include East Harlem's local artists in future murals.

3. Old Business

Committee liaison Ms. Brezin and Chair Ms. Collier asked members to prioritize their Capital and Expense priorities form. Mia will review and include the findings in the total priorities for the board.

4. Announcements

Zoning, Land Use and Affordable Housing @ Dream Charter School, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8:30P pm and It's My Park Day in Art Park, all day Saturday, October 17, 2015.

Motion to adjourn by Holley Drakeford, seconded by Judith Febbraro. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.