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Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee Tuesday, November 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Bonifacio Senior Center

***** Report *****

Present: Amie Kiros-Petucci, Xavier Santiago, Jesse Yang, Judith Febbraro, Jose Grajalas, Marissa Mack, Holley Drakeford, Vinny Torres and Mia Brezin (Staff)

Excused: Jonathan Camacho, Celia Ramirez

Absent: Jose Altamirano, Edwin Marcial, Debbie Quinones, Ed Santos, Steven Villanueva, Faye Yelardy

Guest(s):

1. Call to Order

- a. The Chair called the meeting to order and the Committee did not have quorum.

2. Presentations/Discussions

- a. Installation of a public art project in Marcus Garvey Park

Savona McLain-Bailey of the West Harlem Art Fund and Kathleena Howie (aka Lady K Fever), a graffiti artist, presented plans for a temporary public art project in Marcus Garvey Park. The project will be reflective tape throughout the park to guide visitors and mimic the sight of the Watchtower. The installation is expected to run from August-October 2016. The presentation was fully vetted with questions and written materials were provided (see attached). There were no objections or concerns from the members in attendance. No action taken on request since quorum was not achieved. The request for the letter of support will also be presented next month before the Environment, Open Space and Parks Committee.

- b. Request for funding for a holiday tree by the New Harlem East Merchants Association (NHEMA)

Sylvia Caldwell, NHEMA board member, presented. NHEMA is requesting \$1000 to fund a holiday tree at 125th Street and Park Avenue. The holiday tree lighting is scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This request was also fully discussed and there was a handout for our consideration (see attached). There were no objections or concerns. No action taken on the request for funding since quorum was not achieved. A second presentation before the committee is scheduled for next month.

3. New Business

a. The NY Proton Center (NYPC)

Members were advised that work has recently begun on the NYPC, which is located in East Harlem at 126th Street. The NYPC is the first proton beam therapy facility in NYS. It will provide a state-of-the-art cancer treatment regimen using targeted radiation. A presentation before our committee is planned for January.

4. Old Business

5. Announcements

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote.

NO QUORUM