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**Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee
Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 p.m.
Bonifacio Senior Center
7 East 116th Street, New York, NY 10035**

***** MINUTES *****

Present: Jose Altamirano, Carlos Diaz, Holley Drakeford, Melanee Farrah, Tabatha Lozano, Cecilia Ramirez, Vincent Torres, Jenny Tromski, Steven Villanueva, Jesse Yang, Nilsa Orama (ex officio), Thomas Herrera (staff)

Absent: Jeremiah Schlotman

Excused: Candy Vives-Vasquez, Marissa Mack, Xavier Santiago, Henry Flores

Guests: Diane Pinkston

1. Call to Order– Adoption of the Agenda

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by committee chair, Melanee Farrah. Quorum was attained at 7:36 p.m.

2. Announcements

- a. The chair announced that the presenter cancelled

3. Presentations & Discussions

- a. Discussion About Committee Planning

- i. Jenny took notes of the mission statement draft
- ii. Steven compared our mission statement to the vision that is listed on website under our subcommittee's page:

The Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee strives to enhance and establish economic opportunities for its residents and business owners. The committee seeks to improve the economic well-being and quality of life for the community by creating and retaining jobs, helping shape opportunities for our small business owners and fostering an atmosphere that encourages future generations to continue the work that has been initiated.

The committee also works to strengthen and maintain East Harlem's cultural assets through the promotion of collaborations and partnerships with artists, institutions and community planning and development initiatives, as well as advocates for the participation of East Harlem artists and cultural programs by developing of policy statements to increase access to resources

- b. Discussion about separating the mission statement into "Buckets"
 - i. Carlos Diaz suggested that we are a connector and resource for the community
 - ii. Holley Drakeford stated that even though Panorama hired from the local community, only half showed up to work.
 - iii. Tabatha Lozano mentioned that we should ask the event organizers to collaborate with groups that offer grants to vendors.
 - iv. Jenny Tromski brought up discussion about our constituents
 - c. Discussion of whether Building owners are constituents
 - i. Jesse, Jose, and Celia all gave reasons of why they are relevant because we are the economic development subcommittee which needs the engagement of owners.
 - ii. Jose explains how they are crucial to getting a BID for our community
 - d. Discussion by Vinny Torres about establishing a pipeline for training people in construction
 - i. Our leverage is asking developers to invest in workforce training. We can also use points of agreement to ensure they follow through.
4. New Business
- a. Vinny Torres mentioned there are Free OSHA class end of this month, Vinny will send out to the rest of the board. Construction safety training.
 - b. Steven Villanueva 4 sites identified in points of agreement. 6PM at Bonafacio to talk about RFPs
 - c. Jenny Tromski suggested we have a community notes section
 - d. Jesse Yang suggests that we have a time when we all discuss about certain topics.

5. Old Business

a. Capital Budget and Expense

- i. Budget- Melanee Farrah postponed to next month
- ii. Thomas Herrera- Department of city planning will be our go to resource to discuss points of agreement (POA). Agencies are readily available to come in and discuss the items from the POA
- iii. Nilsa Orama stated that committees will need to track the points of agreement. She asked Thomas to keep track of what will get to our committee and make a list of agencies our committee should be looking out for.
- iv. Melanee's deliverables for Thomas
 - Send us the paragraph in the District of Statement needs
 - Compile a list of agencies we need to engage
 - Compile a Cheat sheet of capital expense budget line items

6. Informational Updates

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.