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**Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee**  
**Tuesday, December 8, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bonifacio Senior Housing**  
**7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035**

Present: Jose Altamirano, Jonathan Camacho, Holley Drakeford, Judith Febbraro, Marissa Mack, Amie Kyros-Petrucci, Debbie Quiñones Celia Ramirez, Xavier Santiago, Vincent Torres, Jesse Yang

Absent: Jose Grajales, Edwin Marcial, Edward Santos, Faye Yelardy

Excused: Steve Villanueva

Guests: Corby E Mare, Yolanda Brown, Jerome Clowney, William Mejina, Dennis Osorio, Angel Santos, Gustavo Solis, Diane Collier

Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by committee Chair Marissa Mack and the agenda was adopted.

1. Discussions/Presentations

- a. Presentation on a request for funding for the New Harlem East Merchant Association's holiday tree and décor. The full presentation took place at the November meeting, but due to a lack of quorum the vote was delayed until December.

**Vinnie Torres made a motion that CB11 support the New Harlem East Merchant Association by donating \$1000 to their holiday tree and décor. Celia Ramirez seconded the motion. The motion passed with Holley Drakeford present but not voting.**

- b. Presentation on a request for a letter of support for a public art installation in Marcus Garvey Park. The full presentation took place at the November meeting, but due to a lack of quorum the vote was delayed until December.

**Holley Drakeford made a motion to support the installation of the "Along the Watchtower" public art project in Marcus Garvey Park. Xavier Santiago seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- c. Presentation on the Small Business, Economic Development and Workforce Development recommendations from the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan
  - i. George Sarkissian, City Council, presented the recommendations and requested feedback on the findings from the board and public (presentation attached). George was accompanied by Adam Lubinsky from WXY Architecture + Urban Design, also a facilitator on the project. The committee members recommended that the EHNP focus on various types of jobs for East Harlem residents besides construction and security; need for an emphasis on education and better schools;

more 20/30/50 mixed housing and support for local small businesses via tax credits for landlords to stabilize rent.

2. Old Business
3. New Business
4. Announcements
5. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jose Altamirano, seconded by Judith Febbraro.