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### **Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:00 p.m.**

**Bonifacio Senior Housing**

**7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035**

Present: Holley Drakeford,, Melanee Ferrah, Xavier Santiago, Steven Villanueva, Celia Ramirez, Candy Vasquez, Carlos Diaz

Absent: Edward Marcial; Erica Jones, Jesse Yang, Vincent Torres, Jose Altamirano ;;

Excused: Marissa Mack, ,

Call to Order- Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by committee Holley Drakeford and Xavier Santiago moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Steven Villanueva and passed unanimously.

#### Presentations & Discussions

A Manuel Burgos from BTN Consulting Not present

B. Lawrence Ekechi – The New Africa Center Not Present

1.Discussion of New African Center:

- a. Currently is not funded and does not have an opening date. Dana Reed is fund raising in Africa.

Old Business None

New Business :

- a. Plan to encourage Economic Development by getting more East Harlem contractors MWBE certified by hosting a State certification event in July and then a City event in September
- b. Plan to initiate a tourism initiative by working with NYC and company to identify tour operators and regularly engaging them in events and festivals in East Harlem.:

## Announcements

- i. July 20<sup>th</sup> there will be a MWBE certification event held at the Siberman School of Social Work from 9:30AM to 11: AM.
- ii. Panorama visit offered by Bowery presents to CB 11 members 7/8 at Flushing Meadow Park for Louis Armstrong Wonderful World event and Randall's Island for the Electric show. Contact Melanee Farrah for details.
- iii. Taino Towers Community Gallery exhibition based on PR Day Parade and a Puerto Rican exhibits held on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays for the rest of the month.
- iv. July 8<sup>th</sup> induction of the oldest stickball player alive (104 Yrs. Old) to the Stick Ball Hall of Fame. Contact Carlos Diaz for details.
- v. Vote on the East Harlem Rezoning by the Landmarks/Land Use Committee.. Candy Vasquez urges all to attend for details before full board vote on Tuesday.
- vi. NYCHA Housing Forum June 24<sup>th</sup>. Contact Xavier Santiago for details.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carlos and seconded by Celia.