Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 7:00 p.m.
Bonifacio Senior Housing
7 East 116th Street, New York, NY 10035

Present: Holley Drakeford, Melane 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\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{th} 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\textsuperscript{th}. Contact Xavier Santiago for details.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Carlos and seconded by Celia.