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Nilsa Orama
Chair

Angel D. Mescaïn
District Manager

Executive Committee
Thursday, January 16, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** MINUTES *****

Present: Jose Altamirano, Denilyn Arciaga, Judith Febbraro, Nilsa Orama, Xavier Santiago, Jason Villaneuva, Angel Mescaïn (staff)

Absent: Adem Brija, Melanee Farrah, Elsie Encarnacion, Frances Mastrota, Jeremiah Schlotman

Excused: David Giordano (called in- does not count toward quorum), Steven Villanueva

Guests: Eric R. Parson New Life Church, Evelyse Vargas, Allie Fischgrind, Tenants and Neighbors.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Orama at 6:43 pm. Nilsa asked all present to introduce themselves once the meeting came to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

No Quorum- agenda not adopted.

3. Discussions & Presentations

a. Census Outreach

Nilsa handed out census materials and spoke about the importance of having the Census as a standing item in all agendas so that those in attendance are reminded of the importance of participating in the Census. Vice Chair Xavier Santiago mentioned that the importance of the Census was stressed at the Borough Board meeting. Judith mentioned that Henry J. Carter had an assigned person for the Census.

b. District Manager Report

i. CB11 response to HPD's draft "Where We Live NYC" plan

District Manager Angel Mescaín mentioned that CB 11 was preparing a response to “Where We Live NYC which is the City’s Fair Housing Plan. A presentation by the HPD project team has been scheduled to provide a briefing to the Landuse Committee on February 5th and mentioned that both Landuse and Housing Committee have been asked to collaborate on a response on behalf of the board.

ii. CB11 response to Lenox Terrace Rezoning application

Angel mentioned that the Landuse Committee has been considering submitting comments in regard to the Lenox Terrace rezoning application which is a large scale development that falls in confines of Community Board 10 but borders CB 11 on 125th Street and Fifth Avenue. The Committee is considering weighing in because of the size, scale and impact of the project which is looking to add 1600 units of housing to essentially a three-block superblock. Most of the housing will be market rate with 450 or so will be affordable housing through MIH. Both Community Board 10 and the Manhattan Borough President have had their review periods as part of the ULURP process and both have said no. CB 10 has asked for the application to be pulled. CB 11 had considered drafting something to vote at the February Board meeting but we have since learned that the City Planning Commission has planned its vote for February 3rd and so the committee will draft a resolution to be shared with the Board over the weekend for it to consider ratifying on Tuesday and he mentioned that all the application materials for Lenox Terrace has been shared.

iii. Citywide Statement of Needs for FY 2021 & 2022

Angel stated that at last month’s meeting one of the members of the District Needs and Budget Committee spoke to the Land Use Committee in regards to the Citywide Statement of Needs which is different from the Statement of District Needs. The Citywide Statement of Needs has to do with the public siting of facilities. He mentioned that Community Boards get notification of this but very few Community Boards weigh in. He mentioned that it is usually issued in November, but it has been delayed this year and that CB 11 has been in regular contact with the Director of Capital Planning over the last month as to when it will be released and he has indicated that it may be released by the end of this month.

c. Committee Chair Reports

- Public Safety & Transportation - Chair Jose Altamirano discussed the motion to support the street renaming of 104th Street and Madison Avenue to “Di-Quai Jones Way”. Jose also mentioned that the committee wants to do something regarding youth violence as the community may not be aware of the uptick in violence. He mentioned that statistics have been up and spoke about the youth crews and the areas that they belong to. Officer Gibbons gave a presentation regarding statistics. Judith spoke about the presentations made by the Youth Hub at the 25th Precinct that may be of assistance to youth afraid of moving

into areas that can compromise their safety. Xavier mentioned that Michael Scott and Shaun Commodore are respected youth workers who can also assist.

- Youth and Education - Chair David Giordano stated that a lot of members are working on the Youth Symposium and that the Committee is working to continue to strengthen its relationship with D.O.E. and the C.E.C.. David mentioned that the committee was going to invite a representative to followup regarding the Fair Student Funding. He also mentioned that he did a visit to CPE 1 and how many children they were serving from the community and can report that the school is more diverse and more representative of the community and that they employ the D.O.E. method of enrolling children. He also mentioned that he is working with Jada to develop the Youth task force within the committee. He also mentioned that two resolutions by CB 6 will be looked at by the Committee in next month's meeting.
- Housing - Xavier Santiago spoke about the upcoming Youth Symposium scheduled for May 2nd and mentioned that letters are ready to send to CBO's. He also spoke about the Housing Committee adopting a resolution supporting Assemblyman Robert Rodriguez' proposal to amend and repeal portions of a tax rebate that condos and co-ops take when it comes to their assessed value. As Vice Chair of CB 11, he also mentioned the informal meeting held with the newly elected officers to CB11.
- Licenses and Permits - Vice Chair Judith Febraro spoke about the two action items that are on the Full Board agenda for this month.
- District Needs and Budget - Chair Jason Villanueva mentioned that as Treasurer he has been downloading reports and mentioned he is looking to see past practices and how we can upgrade practices. He has also mentioned his interest in raising funds for the Board and how best to do that. Nilsa mentioned that the Board is a quasi-local government entity and not a not for profit and that there is a fund set up many years ago called the Friends of CB 11 with Union Settlement as the fiscal conduit, but she has no specifics regarding this account.
- Board Secretary Denilyn Arciaga mentioned that she would be implementing the quarterly reports and was hoping to ask the Chairs whether there is a point person for minutes as she would like to coordinate the receipt of minutes with those individuals. Denilyn also mentioned the concern of the length of the public session as the meetings tend to finish late and may not allow for adequate discussion of action items. Nilsa stated that it has been a concern and that a consideration is that the Elected representatives who bring material will be asked to leave their materials for the public. She will go to other CB full board meetings to see where this has been implemented and how it rolls out in practice.
- CB Chair Nilsa Orama

- mentioned that Community Board applications were being accepted until January 21 and the importance of community residents applying.
 - spoke about the El Museo Community Advisory Board meeting and that they had expanded their Board by 3 members and that they have introduced a new membership fee structure. They also discussed their upcoming exhibits and the fact that they had been trying to hire a Latinx curator but that fell through at the last minute.
 - also mentioned that the Friends of La Marqueta would be having a meeting on Friday, January 17 to discuss La Marqueta activities and the re-release of the RFEI for the Market Partner.
 - A discussion ensued regarding the submission of minutes. David Giordano commented on the challenges of having Board members volunteer to do the minutes. Angel Mescaín mentioned that a summary can be done during the meeting and can be added to (who is present, any fine tuning by other committee members) and then formatted and submitted as minutes. Nilsa mentioned that she flips the agenda to a minutes template so that she just enters information under each topic of the agenda. Ultimately, it is the responsibility of the Committee Chair to ensure that there are minutes submitted. The minutes are important because it gives background for the action item. Jose suggested that if committees do not submit their minutes and have an action item for that month, that the item be tabled to the following month until minutes could be provided. Some at the meeting felt that it would not be fair for the action item not to be reviewed because of the lack of committee minutes. This discussion how to best resolve this issue is to be continued.
 - Nilsa mentioned that the Community Board had spoken about putting together an event to showcase the Community Board and that we should consider planning an event that would showcase the committees and assist in outreach.
 - Nilsa mentioned that at the Borough Board meeting she attended several boards are doing different activities and are looking to resuscitate a resolution taking a stand against Term limits for consideration and adoption by the various Manhattan Boards.
- d. Committee Agenda planning
- i. 2020 Goals & 2019 Accomplishments due March 1st
 - ii. FY 2021 Preliminary Budget Response
- e. Review of draft agenda for upcoming Full Board
- i. Three agenda items currently for this month's Full Board meeting.
4. Old Business - none
5. New Business - none
6. Adjournment - The meeting was concluded at 8:20 p.m.