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Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 14, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** MINUTES *****

Present: Judith Febraro, David Giordano, Lilybelle Gonzalez, Marissa Mack, Nilsa Orama, Mahfuzur Rahman, Ryan Sheffield, Shantal Sparks, Jason Villanueva, Steven Villanueva

Excused: Jeremiah Schlotman, Xavier Santiago, Hilda Candy Vives-Vasquez

Absent: Jose Altamirano, Adem Brija, Melanee Farrah

Guests: Kioka Jackson, 25th Precinct Community Council

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nilsa Orama at 6:33 pm. Quorum was achieved at 6:55 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mahfuzur Rahman. The motion was seconded by Jason Villanueva. The motion passed.

3. Announcements

- a. Landmark East Harlem is partnering with the New York State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to hold a public meeting on the proposed East Harlem Historic District. SHPO has issued a Determination of Eligibility for a proposed East Harlem Historic District, which is the first step towards listing the district on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. The proposed East Harlem Historic District would encompass over 650 properties. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at the Mt. Pleasant Apartments, 421 East 116th Street, NY NY 10035.
- b. New York City Council Committee on Parks and Recreation jointly with the Committee on Women and the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Libraries and International Intergroup Relations will hold a hearing on Monday, February 25, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers regarding: Improving the Gender and Cultural Diversity of Monuments

Located in City Parks. Intro 1114 – In relation to creating a task force to examine the monuments, statues, public art, and historical markers on city-owned property. Intro – in relation to requiring the art commission to ensure that women are depicted in at least 50 percent of approved works.

- c. There will be a Special Election for the New York City Public Advocate on February 26th, 2019.
- d. The CB11 Economic Development & Culture committee meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2019 and will be held in the Board Office.

4. Discussions & Presentations

a. Discussion of Land Use items

i. Proposed East Harlem Rezoning Follow-Up Actions (Application # 190235 ZMM)

There was no quorum at this month's Land use, Landmarks and Planning meeting so no motion could be taken on Application # 190235 ZMM. Chair Steven Villanueva decided to present the Land Use items at the Executive Committee meeting in order to have action taken. Land use Chair Steven Villanueva reviewed the Proposed East Harlem Rezoning Follow-up actions with the Executive Committee as well as the memorandums written by George Janes to explain the Follow-up Actions and the Proposed Residential Mechanical Voids Text Amendment.

After discussion, a motion was made by Jason Villanueva for CB 11 to issue a letter of support for the text amendment changes in relationship to the East Harlem Neighborhood Rezoning Follow-up Actions as presented by the Land use Chair.

The motion was seconded by Lilybelle Gonzalez. All but one was in favor. Mahfuzur Rahman abstained. The motion passed.

ii. Proposed Residential Mechanical Voids Text Amendment

After Land use Chair Villanueva reviewed the Proposed Residential Mechanical Void Text Amendment and answered questions, a motion was made by Jason Villanueva to provide a letter of support in relation to the Proposed Residential Mechanical Voids Text Amendment. The motion was seconded by Ryan Sheffield. All but one was in favor- Mahfuzur Rahman abstained. The motion passed.

b. Preliminary Budget FY 2020

Chair Jason Villanueva mentioned that the Board had just received the Register of Community Board Budget requests and asked all present to discuss and formulate responses with their committees at their next committee meeting. He wants all committee comments by the March Executive meeting. Jason stated that he will be sending out emails to the Chairs.

Angel mentioned that our committees may want to opine in short responses and flesh them out for testimony submission at City Council hearings, Borough board and other hearings.

- c. Officer Reports
 - i. Judith requested that attendance sheets are emailed to her timely to ensure accurate attendance records. Angel stated that he will give her copies of the attendance sheet but that all Chairs should note absences, excusals on the sheet in real time to make it easier for tracking purposes.
- d. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Land use- Chair S. Villanueva discussed Rezoning Follow-up Actions and Residential Mechanical Voids. The committee wants to memorialize best practices through Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), wants committee members to participate in trainings and use trainings as prerequisites. Will be providing updating zoning handbooks to committee members. Steven mentioned that he wanted localized trainings for our board.
 - ii. District Needs & Budget-Chair J. Villanueva stated that Board responses to the Register are needed by next Executive meeting.
 - iii. Youth and Education-Chair David Giordano mentioned that he spoke to the Chancellor regarding metrocards and said that he will send him our resolution at the CEC Townhall. This month's Youth and Education meeting was cancelled due to the weather. Elsie is working on putting on a workshop for CBO's that work with youth and how to approach youth. David mentioned the importance of committees that may be working together in planning a forum that they are clear on the focus of the forum.
 - iv. Public Safety-In the absence of the Chair, Judith Febraro mentioned that the 23rd and 25th Precincts were in attendance and the Diversion center was discussed. Judith felt that questions were not answered. Nilsa suggested that the committee note their questions and forward them to the appropriate agency for answers. Judith mentioned that a forum was discussed for 125th Street to be held in March.
 - v. Office Oversight-Chair Shantal Sparks mentioned that at the previous meeting, the idea of soliciting someone to do constituent service was discussed and that potentially, it could again be discussed at this month's meeting. Shantal mentioned that it would be helpful if the Chairs think about what additional support they would need from Staff members to do committee work as that would help the District Manager get a better idea about what tasks need to be delegated and staffing.
 - vi. Environment, Open Space and Parks- Chair Ryan Sheffield mentioned that the one action item was for a letter of support for a soccer field at PS 133. He stated it was a great project as there are no foreseeable repairs for this playground. He mentioned that the committee supported issuing a letter of support for this project.
 - vii. Human Services- Chair Lilybelle Gonzalez mentioned that Project Renewal attended the meeting and the Diversion Center was discussed and that there were no new questions from the committee. Lilybelle stated that they will be checking in with the committee as things move along. Lilybelle also mentioned the concern about the cleaning up of discarded needles within our community. Lilybelle mentioned the pilot in the Bronx that is working on this problem. Jason mentioned an article sent to him and Angel stated that we can advocate for more funds and partner with local agencies to assist with this problem. Nilsa mentioned the need to effectively advocate and the need to know what is going

on in our community and the first step should be walking around the neighborhood to see firsthand what is happening.

Marissa suggested that individual board members could work together and advocacy does not necessarily have to come initially from the committee if the board feels it is a priority.

David mentioned the importance of tracking budget requests and issues that have been on the register for years with no action.

- e. Review of draft agenda for upcoming Full Board
Agenda items for the upcoming Full Board meeting was discussed. The two action items from the Land use Committee will be added to the agenda.
5. Old Business
 - Steven mentioned that he would like to have more than one Land use committee member on the 2nd Avenue Subway task force. Nilsa mentioned that each committee should nominate one person for the task force.
 6. New Business
 - Marissa mentioned the event that will be occurring on March 2019 in partnership with the 25th Precinct. She mentioned that she will speak with Kioka to ask how much in support they would like and will speak with her to submit the request; it will not be over \$500.00 dollars. She also mentioned that if we do not support them financially, we could support them with marketing the event.
 - Angel mentioned that the Conflict of Interest Board reached out to him this week and that it is time for the Board to do its COI training. He mentioned that they will attend next month's Executive meeting and that Angel will get a bigger room to accommodate all board members.
 7. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made by Ryan Sheffield and was seconded by Steven Villanueva. The meeting was adjourned.