



# COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN

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Nilsa Orama  
Chair

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**Executive Committee**  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Board Office**

**\*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\***

**Present:** Jose Altamirano, Adem Brija, Melanee Farrah, Judith Febraro, David Giordano, Lilybelle Gonzalez, Marissa Mack, Nilsa Orama, Mahfuzur Rahman, Jeremiah Schlotman, Ryan Sheffield, Shantal Sparks, Jason Villanueva, Steven Villanueva

**Excused:** Hilda Candy Vives-Vasquez

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** Sarah Malaika-US Census Bureau

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nilsa Orama at 6:43 pm. Quorum was achieved at 6:45 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Jason Villanueva. The motion was seconded by Xavier Santiago. The motion passed.

3. Announcements

- Angel Mescaïn announced that HPD will be hosting Community Visioning sessions for the NYPD Lot and the East Harlem Multi Service Center on May 6 and May 13, 2019. The visioning sessions will be held at the Silberman School of Social Work at 119<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue from 6:30-8:30 pm.
- Jason Villanueva mentioned that his committee will use their dedicated funds of \$ 500.00 to support the Landuse Committee event.
- Judith Febraro spoke about Henry J. Carter and that they will have short term beds available for individuals dependent on their medical needs.

#### 4. Discussions & Presentations

##### a. Informational presentation on 2020 Census

Ms. Sarah Malaika, from the US Census Bureau did a presentation about the 2020 Census and stated that there was several ways that the census could be completed including online, mail or by phone. Ms. Malaika also spoke about the 13 area census offices, Complete Count Committees and about the available jobs at the Census Bureau.

Ms. Malaika was asked about the citizenship questionnaire and she mentioned that it was still in litigation. She was also asked if the survey would be invalidated if respondents chose to skip the question or a question; she stated that skipping one question would not invalidate the survey but skipping multiple questions might as it would might look like the survey was not completed.

##### b. Officer Reports

Chair report:

- Nilsa Orama spoke about the Children's Aid Society and their desire to more concretely explore a potential agreement to be part of the potential development at the corner of 101<sup>st</sup> street. Should Children's Aid agree to be part of the development, then they would sell the remaining lot to the developer.
- She also spoke about the Friends of La Marqueta organization and the transition from working with Placeful to being standalone. She will update the board as progress warrants.
- She congratulated the Youth and Education Committee for their Saturday event showcasing a movie about gang violence in Boston and its parallels in East Harlem.
- Nilsa mentioned that she and Ryan Sheffield, along with Angel Mescaïn and Thomas Herrera, attended the ribbon cutting at Playground 103.
  - Ryan Sheffield asked if the Board was going to do a public hearing regarding Odyssey House's expansion on Ward's Island as he received questions regarding Odyssey house while at the ribbon cutting. Nilsa mentioned that a public hearing could be called.
  - Nilsa mentioned that Lilybelle could speak more about Odyssey House but stated that she had attended the Human Services Committee meeting where Odyssey House presented their plans for expansion of 60 beds at Ward's Island. This would be a relocation of beds from East 6<sup>th</sup> Street and would be for Youth. Nilsa mentioned that the community members in attendance were upset at the thought of more beds in Wards Island and how it could further impact 125<sup>th</sup> Street.

**After discussion by the Executive Committee, a motion was made by Adem Brija to adopt a resolution opposing the Odyssey House plan to expand treatment services on Wards Island. The motion was seconded by Shantal Sparks and the motion passed.**

- c. Committee Chair Reports  
No formal reports made due to time constraints and to ensure discussion of new business items.
- d. Review of draft agenda for upcoming Full Board. The review of the draft agenda was tabled.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. Request that the southwest corner of East 115th Street and Pleasant Avenue be co-named “East Harlem Giglio Society Way”

The Executive Committee reviewed the request for the co-naming of the East 115<sup>th</sup> Street and Pleasant Avenue southwest corner to “East Harlem Giglio Society Way”. After review of the submitted documents and discussion about the manual changes, a conditional motion was made by Adem Brija and seconded by Jose Altamirano to contact the Giglio Society for resubmission of new letters and new signed petitions reflecting the correct corner by Tuesday for vote at the Full Board meeting.

Jose Altamirano was going to reach out to them after the Executive Meeting and notify them about the resubmission of documents.

- b. Melanee Farrah spoke about Hot Bread Kitchen and their reduction of incubator kitchen hours that will affect those that use the incubator kitchen at night. Effectuated users may come to the full board meeting to discuss impact.

7. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Steven Villanueva and was seconded by Shantal Sparks. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.