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Nilsa Orama
Chair

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Executive Committee
Thursday, May 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** MINUTES *****

- Present:** Adem Brija, Melanee Farrah, David Giordano, Marissa Mack, Nilsa Orama, Mahfuzur Rahman, Jeremiah Schlotman, Ryan Sheffield, Shantal Sparks, Jason Villanueva, Hilda Candy Vives-Vasquez
- Excused:** Jose Altamirano, Judith Febbraro, Lilybelle Gonzalez, Xavier Santiago, Steven Villanueva
- Absent:** None
- Guests:** State Senator Jose M. Serrano, Terrell Brock-staff-Senator Serrano's office, George Damalas-Chief of Staff-Sen. Serrano's office. George Janes-CB 11 Land Use Consultant, New Board Members: Denilyn Arciaga, Jessica Elliot, Jessica Morris, Andrew Padilla, Ny Whitaker.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nilsa Orama at 6:40 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 Mahfuzur Rahman. The motion passed.

3. Announcements

- Economic Development and Culture Chair Melanee Farrah announced that the Committee was having a Small Business Fair at the East Harlem Neighborhood Action Center on June 25.
- District Needs and Budget Chair Jason Villanueva made an announcement that he would welcome additional committee members and to keep in mind the Statement of District needs and District Consultations.

4. Discussions & Presentations

a. Elected Official Report

i. State Senator Jose M. Serrano

- State Senator Jose M. Serrano informed the committee on all the work he is doing in Albany and explained that he had not attended the full board meetings because they have conflicted with the Albany calendar. Various meeting attendees asked questions after Senator Serrano briefed the committee. Senator Serrano mentioned that he is the Chair of the Cultural Affairs and Parks Committee and EOSP Chair Ryan Sheffield had questions regarding herbicides. Senator Serrano mentioned the possible link between herbicides and chronic disease like Parkinson's Disease. He also mentioned that climate change is a huge issue as well. Housing Chair Jeremiah Schlotman asked questions regarding the 9 bills in the legislature; Senator Serrano mentioned that he is a sponsor of the bill to end vacancy bonuses as well as co-sponsor of the other 8 bills. District Needs and Budget Chair Jason Villanueva asked about his involvement in the state budget; Office Oversight Chair Shantal Sparks asked about his top 2 priorities this session and in the next; he stated that Education and rent regulations were his priority. Human Services Vice-Chair Mahfuzur Rahman asked about his commitment to CUNY and higher education and HEOP. Senator Serrano mentioned possibly doing a recap presentation for the board after caucus weekend after being asked by new board member Ny Whitaker.

b. Special Presentation: Land Use 101 for Community board members

i. George Janes, land use consultant

- Mr. Janes conducted a Land Use 101 presentation to familiarize the new board members with basic concepts and terms. It was not intended to be a technical presentation but a more understandable one. He also spoke about the East Harlem rezoning, the EH Points of Agreement and Mandatory Exclusionary Housing and he urged all board members to ask questions when they are not sure or need assistance.
- Nilsa urged all new board members to attend the Land Use Committee meeting in June when a report back is expected on the Public Sites Visioning Sessions.

c. Officer Reports

i. Treasurer-funding requests

- Marissa Mack mentioned that she presented to the Housing Committee for support for the HDFC awards to recognize Board members who are working diligently on behalf of their HDFC. This event is to highlight affordable home ownership and those who are working hard on behalf of their HDFC. Marissa mentioned that among others, she is working with CB 9, 10 and Goldstein Hall

on this. The nominations will be opening up in June and the applications will be submitted to Goldstein Hall and the applications will be vetted by all parties.

d. Committee Chair Reports

- No formal reports made due to time constraints and to ensure discussion of new business items. Chairs were instructed to make their report at the full board meeting.

e. Review of draft agenda for upcoming Full Board

- The review of the draft agenda was tabled but the action items from certain action items from the Land Use Committee were highlighted and the rationale for the positions taken by the committee on those items was explained by Shantal Sparks. In addition, Angel Mescaïn mentioned that the conditions have been met for the action item with the conditional motion.

5. Old Business

- No old business discussed.

6. New Business

- A motion to enter into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters was made by Adem Brija and was seconded by Ryan Sheffield. The motion passed and the committee went into Executive Session.
- A motion to come out of Executive Committee was made by Ryan Sheffield and seconded by Melanee Farrah.

A motion was made by Adem Brija to approve a 15% merit salary raise for Angel Mescaïn and was seconded by David Giordano and the motion passed.

- Office Oversight-tabled

7. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Marissa Mack and was seconded by Ryan Sheffield. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 pm.