



# COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN

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## Executive Committee Meeting Thursday, June 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Board Office

### \*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*

Present: Jose Altamirano, Adem Brija, Melanee Farrah, Judith Febbraro, Marissa Mack, Nilsa Orama, Mahfuzur Rahman, Xavier Santiago, Shantal Sparks, Jason Villaneuva, Steven Villanueva, Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: Lilybelle Gonzalez, Jeremiah Schlotman, Ryan Sheffield,

Absent: Jose Altamirano, David Giordano, Candy Vives-Vasquez

Guests: Isaac Scott CB11, My Whitaker CB11, Matthew Washington CB11, Denilyn Arciaga, CB 11.  
**Present but did not sign in:** Jessica Scott CB 11, Jessica Morris CB 11, Steven Leung, NYC Department of Design & Construction.

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Nilsa Orama called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and quorum was achieved at 6:55pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

Xavier Santiago made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Steven Villanueva and the motion passed.

#### 3. Discussions & Presentations

##### a. Presentation and request re: DDC's Hechscher Building rehabilitation project

Steven Leung, NYC Department of Design & Construction updated the Executive Committee regarding the Hechscher Building Rehabilitation project and the restoring of the west facade. No ask was made to the Executive Committee.

##### b. Special Presentation: Municipal Budget 101 for community board members

Matthew Washington, Deputy Borough President presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the municipal budget and explained the process from start to finish. He emphasized key dates in the process, those involved in the budget and how the budget is derived.

c. Committee Chair Reports

In the interest of time, the Chair requested that Chairs whose committees had announcements update the Executive Committee under new business; all other Committee Chairs were asked to provide an update during committee reports at the Full Board meeting.

d. Review of draft agenda for upcoming Full Board

4. Old Business- No old business

5. New Business

Street Activity Permits

- a. Storefront Academy Opening Block Party - WITHDRAWN  
Street Event  
June 15, 2019, 10:30am – 4:30pm

Motion to deny the application was made by Mahfuzur Rahman and was seconded by Melanee Farrah. The motion passed.

- b. MS Houses Tenant Association  
Block Party July 27, 2019, 10:00am – 7:00pm  
129th Street between Lexington Ave and Park Ave  
Applicant: Wanda Hopkins  
Sponsor: MS Houses Tenants Association

Motion to deny was made by Steven Villanueva and seconded by Mahfuzur Rahman. Jason Villanueva abstained. The motion passed.

- c. Community Outreach Fellowship  
Religious Event  
August 10, 2019, 9:00am – 7:30pm  
111th Street between Lexington Ave and Park Ave  
Applicant: Florine Lambert  
Sponsor: Greater Highway Deliverance Temple

Documents were in the email and printed out. Application complete.

Motion to approve by Xavier Santiago and seconded by Marissa Mack. Jason Villanueva abstained. The motion passed.

- d. Miles and Parker Family Day  
Block Party  
August 10, 2019, 11:30am – 6:30pm  
Applicant: Bridgette Scott  
Sponsor: Miles and Parker Tenants Association

Motion to approve was made by Steven Villanueva and seconded by Melanee Farrah. Jason Villanueva abstained. The motion passed.

- e. 2019 Block Party  
Block Party  
August 11, 2019, 8:00am - 5:00pm  
120th Street between Fifth Ave and Madison Ave  
Applicant: Ruth Ann Wynter  
Sponsor: Bethel Gospel Assembly

Adem Brija questioned needing letters of support or petitions. To him the application was not complete as per committee procedure. Judith Febbraro tried to clarify when Steven questioned whether the application is complete. Adem mentioned that usually we would do a conditional motion. After discussion, a Motion to approve was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Xavier Santiago. Jason Villanueva and Melanee Farrah abstained. A role call vote was held and the motion passed.

- f. Bridging the Gap Street Fair  
Street Event  
August 24, 2019, 8:00am – 7:00pm  
123rd Street between Third Ave and Lexington Ave  
Applicant: Francisco Lantigua  
Sponsor: Operation Equivalency

A Motion to deny the application was made by Steven Villanueva and seconded by Judith Febbraro. Jason Villanueva abstained. The motion passed.

- g. Back to School Education  
Block Party Block Party  
August 24, 2019, 10:00am – 5:00 pm  
Applicant: Rev. Felipe Ayala  
Sponsor: Life Changers Church

Steven Villanueva asked about the location; it will be held on 100 Street between Lexington and Park Avenue.

A Motion to approve was made by Steven Villanueva and was seconded by Xavier Santiago. Jason Villanueva abstained. The motion passed.

**Other new business:**

1. Economic Development & Culture- Under new business, Melanee Farrah reported that Historian Jacob Morris came before the committee to discuss a proposed statue to be erected of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. He advocated for the inclusion of prominent black activists of that time as part of the statue. He also mentioned that the racist views of Elizabeth Stanton. Although not in our Community Board, he asked that CB 11 consider drafting a resolution regarding the statue and the omissions to serve as a lead in this issue.

Melanee also spoke about the upcoming Small Business Fair being held at the Harlem Neighborhood Action Center on Tuesday, June 25 from the hours of 10:30 am- 4 pm.

2. Executive- Nilsa spoke about the LGBTQ Convening being held on Wednesday, June 26 from 9:30 – 2 pm at the Harlem Neighborhood Action Center. She also spoke about meeting with CB's 9 and 10 and Bid 125<sup>th</sup> Street to talk about the locating of substance abuse programs in the Upper East Side.
  - o Nilsa spoke about the attendance issues and the lack of quorum at certain committees. Nilsa mentioned that board members that have excessive absences will be reassigned after consultation with the individual committee chairs.
  - o Board members will be emailed a form to select their committees in July.
  - o Angel Mescain emphasized the need for board members to understand their roles and responsibilities. In respect to attendance, he has mentioned that the Bylaws are clear in terms of what is considered excused absences. He has mentioned that enforcement has been lacking in attendance when our Bylaws clear. He mentioned that board members must assess whether they have the ability to fully participate in the board and what they are realistically expected to do. He again emphasized that the lack of quorum affects the work of the board.
3. Housing- In the absence of the Chair, Jeremiah Schlotman, Xavier mentioned that the Housing Committee has rescheduled the June forum to September 7.
4. Land Use, Landmarks & Planning- Steven Villanueva reported on the meeting held in June and mentioned the recommendations for the sites up for redevelopment.
5. Office Oversight- Shantal Sparks informed the committee that she has been reviewing the Bylaws in order to make suggestions for changes to be considered by the Board. Shantal mentioned that she will be looking at several areas for proposed changes.

## 6. Adjournment

Xavier Santiago made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Steven Villanueva and the motion passed.