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### **Youth & Education Committee Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:00pm Board Office**

#### **\*\*\* Minutes \*\*\***

Present: David L Giordano, Nilsa Orama, Mahfuzur Rahman, Peggy Morales, Jeremiah Schlotman, John Green Yolanda Brown, Elsie Encarnacion & Chandra Smith

Absent: None

Excused: Lillybelle Gonzalez & Jason Villanueva

Guest(s): Paul Davns, NYSOM; Abdul, NYSOM; Ranya Bautista, Aspen; Jai Nanda, Urban Dove; Ann Bommarito, PREP; Don Mabrey, PREP; Jared Roebuck, DREAM; Eve Coloavito, DREAM; Rich Berlin, DREAM; Jessica Yoon, L&M; Jill Crawford, DREAM; Sarah Ashcroft, JRCO; Madai Velez, DANY; Renee Kett, Chenchita's; Chantal Gailloux, Chencita's; Jean-Pierre Kamwa

#### **Opening Remarks:**

The Committee Chair, David L. Giordano opened the meeting at 6:05 by welcoming members and guests. He briefly went over the agenda and explained that we have three presentations related to charter schools, two seeking letters of support and one informative session. Motion to adopt the meeting's Agenda was made and seconded by ????.

#### **Discussions/Presentations:**

##### **I. Urban Dove Charter School: Jai Nayda, Executive Director & Richie Cerrud, Associate Director,**

Mr. Nayda and Mr. Cerrud gave an in-depth presentation on their proposal to open a second Charter School. They currently operate a Transitional Charter High School for under credited youth in Bed-Sty Brooklyn and are proposing to open another Transitional High School in East Harlem CB 11/DOE Districts 4 or 5. They explained that their school is the only transitional school that accepts 9 and 10 graders/15 or 16 year olds who have less than 9 credits. The school uses Recreation and Physical Fitness through Sporting Activities to thread the education of youth. The first school opened in 2012 and has been extremely successful so their hope is to open a chain of Urban Dove Transitional schools throughout the City. They added that they are not new to CB 11 as they have been providing afterschool programming for East Harlem youth for the past 17 years and feel. They are looking for space in East Harlem and stressed that they prefer to have their own space/facility because of their sports programming they need their own gym but are considering co-locating. One concern noted by members was concerned that Urban Dove would not displace a DOE school serving East Harlem youth. The Committee explained that in order to provide a letter of support, Urban Dove was asked to develop a plan that would address outreach and priority enrollment for East Harlem

youth how to ensure the school is serving East Harlem youth and how would the school not displace another district school if having to co-locate while identifying their own facility.

## **II. P.R.E.P. Charter School: Ann Bommarito & Don Mabrey:**

Ann Bommarito and Don Mabrey, long term educators gave an in-depth presentation on their proposed charter school they would like to open in DOE District 4 East Harlem in the fall of 2018. They are submitting an RFP to SUNY Charter Schools Institute and seeking feedback as well as a letter of support. They mentioned a focus of the school will be to develop partnerships with community services and agencies to support the school and collaboration among students, families, teachers, leadership and community. Members of the committee again conveyed that in order for us to consider providing a Letter of Support, we would want the school to set a priority of enrollment and outreach to Community Board 11/DOE District 4 youth and more information regarding their partnerships and their plan for how to implement this model. Tabled to June.

## **III. Sendero Verde Mixed Use Development Project: Dream Charter High School**

**Sendero Verde Mixed Use Development Project** Mr. Harris of Sendero Verde Mixed Development gave a brief presentation on the entire vision of the project creating affordable housing, community programs & Health services for seniors, Dream Charter High School and the four Community Gardens on the 111<sup>th</sup>-112<sup>th</sup> street between Madison and Park Avenues.

### **Dream Charter High School**

Rich Berlin, President, CEO Dream gave an in-depth presentation of the History of Dream formally known as Harlem RBI, and Dream Charter School to their new Dream High school as part of the Sendero Verde mixed use development.

## **IV. East Harlem Re-Zoning Update: Jeremiah Schlotman**

Mr. Scholtman gave an update of the Board's Task force regarding the re-Zoning and Neighborhood plan and the next steps of the Task Force which is to obtain from each committee statements regarding the major concerns issues as related to the up zoning-rezoning neighborhood plan. The Committee members then had a brief discussion regarding our major concerns. Which continue to be that many DOE District 4 schools in CB 11 are in poor physical conditions requiring major upgrades for current schools and the formulas being used by The City and DOE School Construction to predict current and future school utilization projections to build (or not build) new schools; which does not support the need for new schools.

The Committee as in the District Needs/Budget Priorities are proposing to use a different formula to account for the realities of the numbers of people living within the community and the current and future use of in projecting the need for school seats. These are the committee's suggestions:

- In EIS used the CEQR to make the analysis for the above statement. As a Community Board we urged City Planning to use the ACS PUMS formula during the EIS to accurately account for the fact that upper Manhattan produces more than twice the number of school aged children for the same unit size.
- The EIS does not provide any numbers or percentages for the current utilization rates of our Elementary schools.

- The EIS does not provide a final percentage of the utilization rate after the proposed actions.
- There is no data produced by the EIS that speaks to the current infrastructure of our schools.

**Old Business:**

**Youth Metro Cards**

The Committee Chair gave a quick summary of the Metro Card Resolution: Increase Metro Card rides for youth and then handed out the listing of Manhattan Community Board contacts and times each committee meets. The Committee Chair thanked Pastor Brown for her work in reaching out to each board and creating this extensive list.

Next steps: The Committee Chair will write a letter of introduction and send to each Community Board requesting to be placed on their agenda in the fall to make formal presentations of the Metro Card resolution and asking other Boards to sign on to also adopt the resolution. Create a petition and engage youth, Schools and other CBO's during the summer leading into the fall.

**New Business:**

**NONE**

**Motions & Action Items:**

**NONE**

**Announcements:**

Paul of New York State of Mind (NYSOM) announced: They will be having a Back-To-School Jam: August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017: more details to follow

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Mahfuzur Rahman to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Green.