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**Executive Committee**  
**April 21, 2016, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Board Office**

**\*\*\* Minutes \*\*\***

**Present:** Jose Altamirano, Diane Collier, Holley Drakeford, Brodie Enoch, Judith Febbraro, Neil Flynn, James Garcia, Emily Grajales, Jewel Jones, Alex Kohen, Marissa Mack, Frances Mastrota, Debbie Quiñones, Candy Vives-Vasquez, Angel Mescain (staff)

**Excused:** David Giordano

**Absent:** none

**Guests:** George Sarkissian, Speaker's office; Damon Rowe, Placeful; Shawn Mc Learen, Placeful; Rupert Huelsey, Harlem Neighborhood Block Association (HBNA); Robert Perkins, HBNA; Rebecca Mercer-White, HBNA; Tracey Greene, HNBA; Anna Marie Mohammed, HNBA

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda motion made by Jewel and seconded by Alex
2. Discussions & Presentations
  - a. La Marqueta Initiative - Shawn McLearn, Placeful and George Sarkissian, Speaker's office

The development of the la Marqueta was identified as priority in the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan. They recognize that the site plays significant and historic role in communicating the cultural heritage of the community. The current structure needs repairs and this project is the first step to stabilizing the site for further development. The budget is 5M for restoration, community engagement and the promotion of development recommendations. They want to solicit input to promote and maximize utilization of the space that will be diverse and reflective of the community.

The hope is to expand on the current programming through a review of gap analysis, development of performance indicators and prioritization of recommendations to inform community benefits agreements. They will conduct comparisons and reviews of other market models to inform the development of the project. They will work with the CB, other elected, city agencies, and the

chairs of the East Harlem Neighborhood plan subcommittees. Members were encouraged to suggest other groups and they will follow up.

Members felt that the timeline was too short to conduct an info session and community workshop by June and budget should be increased. They also wanted to know what would happen to the current tenants and programs. The current model needs to be reviewed to expand and create opportunities for more diverse representation. There are groups that have monopolized the space and is it really a good use of the space when other groups can bring in more revenue. The members were invited to share their ideas and concerns at the upcoming community workshop. The current tenants will not be removed at this time.

The Executive Committee supports the initiative and suggested that the team move forward in a balanced, respectful and most importantly inclusive way. In anticipation of changes with City Council representation the committee wanted to make sure that the dialogue and work continues and will be keeping it on their radar.

b. Harlem Neighborhood Block Association update

Mr. Tracey Greene is the Vice President of the Harlem Neighborhood Block Association and gave a brief overview of their campaign to raise awareness and concern about the oversaturation of homeless programs, transitional living programs and drug programs. They have met with different committees on the board about this issue and have met elected officials. They wanted an update on how the board is responding to the issue and wanted an update on the CB study.

The CB study is still in development and there was a request for a clarification of the group goal.

They have called for a moratorium on any expansion or new homeless, transitional housing or drug treatment programs in EH. They would like to be notified about new programs so that they can comment. He was invited to attend the Health, Human Services, Immigration & Seniors Committee.

Members commented that there are some private deals that are beyond the control of the CB, and that developers should be held to task to provide real affordable housing and elected need to develop legislation that can address these issues. The Board has taken a position where they have stated their concern about saturation and coordination. They will explore looking at state agency policies. They asked that the association prepare an impact study of this issues on other areas of community develop to assist the board to develop other positions or recommendations.

c. Update on Committee Chair's work – The Committee chairs were asked to provide updates on their committee projects.

Oversight – Completed mission statement and working on district needs. Updated job descriptions, tasks and standards for staff to prepare to conduct performance evaluations.

Land Use - Working through transition and looking forward to collaborations with other committees

Transportation and Public Safety – attending precinct meeting and revamping the street naming process, Citi bikes waiting for a date for DOT

Secretary – Continue to work on attendance monitoring

Permits – SLA is doing a really good job of working with the committee to review new and renewals. Street permit review is moving forward and has done some work on their website.

Events Committee- Emily was introduced as the new chair and is working on how to provide an orientation for new members.

Housing – Working on the Forum and will be submitting a budget request form. John Green to increase public membership and have collaborated with the Health committee.

Economic Development – Lots of new ownership on 125<sup>th</sup> and opportunities and 125<sup>th</sup> BID moving forward.

By-Laws – Moving forward with reviewing the articles and will be reaching out to members for input

Parks – Funding for the Green Way and Resiliency moving forward, tracking the CPI Community Parks Initiatives, community gardens still a concern, looking at the living Shoreline, ULURP for Sports Time tennis is coming up .Looking at how to support the trees in NYC.

Marissa – By 5/1 the event form will be formalized and upgrading the phone system with a Spanish prompt and exploring the cost other languages. Looking a designing forms for a scholarship. Simplified budget for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget form.

Health – Submitted a budget request for the Spirit of Service Festival, designated a committee member to serve as the Policy Reviewer, linked with Mount Sinai CAB to increase committee membership, provided testimony at City Council, attended the Thrive NYC Mental Health EH launch, explored a partnership with the East Harlem Community Health Committee to collaborate on a study on the impact of gentrification on health and community access and the Affordable

Health Care Act and have partnered with CB 9,10,and 12 for a forum on homelessness from a health perspective.

3. Old Business - None
4. New Business - None
5. Announcements - None
6. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn by Jose Altamirano, seconded by Marissa Mack and passed unanimously.**