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**Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee**  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2015, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Bonifacio Senior Housing**  
**7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY 10035**

- Present: Jose Altamirano, Diane Collier (Chair), Holley Drakeford, Judith Febbraro, Jose Grajales, Marissa Mack, Amie Kyros-Petrucci, Mia Brezin (staff)
- Excused: Celia Ramirez
- Absent: Ed Marcial, Debbie Quiñones, Vincent Torres
- Guests: Jasmyn Famis, Jessamyn Waldman, Betty Campbell-Adams, Dawn Sanders, Onel Hidalgo, Mahfuzur Rahman

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Committee Chair Diane Collier.

1. Discussions/Presentations

- a. Presentation on Hot Bread Kitchen's workforce development and business incubator programs

Ms. Waldman and Ms. Famis of Hot Bread Kitchen (HBK) came to update the committee on their recent developments. They will be expanding into the La Marqueta Building Three site where there will be three additional commercial kitchens. One kitchen will be used for workforce development focused on food preparation, specifically women baking bread. The other two will be commercial kitchens for start-up food businesses.

To date, HBK has served 82 women have increased their earning power by more than 60 percent after graduating from the baking workforce training. HBK currently averages three to five food start-up entrepreneurs using their business incubator service and facilities at one time.

Bread is still sold "pay what you can" every afternoon starting at 2 p.m. at La Marqueta. Most of their program applicants are walk-ins or through word of mouth, but HBK would like greater participation from local women who are currently doing some form of preparing/baking food offerings in their homes. The Chair stated that the committee will continue reviewing options to improve outreach with HBK after the summer hiatus. Everyone agreed that a tour of the facilities should happen over the summer.

- b. Update on local hiring practices in NYCHA's Sandy Recovery program  
Ms. Sanders and Mr. Hidalgo returned in response to the Committee Chair's request for budgeted costs for FEMA's repairs to CB11's East River and Metro North Houses. Ms. Sanders stated that budget information is subject to change as result of selected contractors

and final designs. She did have project info concerning Rangel Houses, but not East River and Metro North Houses, which have been consolidated into one project. She did confirm that the City Council had asked for the same budget dollars information that the Committee Chair had requested. She promised to forward the information submitted to the council to Mia's attention prior to the full board meeting.

## 2. Old Business

### a. Statement of District Needs and Neighborhood Study

Committee liaison Mia Brezin reviewed the outline of the data that Committee members had submitted for the Statement of District Needs. Committee members had no questions or additional comments. Ms. Brezin updated the Committee on the Neighborhood Study timeline and process.

### b. Julia De Burgos Survey review

The survey received a total of 77 responses (out of targeted 100). 52 percent of respondents knew about programs at the Center, 63 percent surveyed felt there should be website outreach, followed closely by street outreach, and 39 percent of respondents preferred "other" types of programs above art galleries, poetry and plays.

## 3. New Business

## 4. Announcements

- a. The next public Visioning Session for the Neighborhood Study is on July 1<sup>st</sup> and will be focused on Youth and Education. The Economic Development Visioning Session is on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

## 5. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Jose Grajales, seconded by Holley Drakeford. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.