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Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 19, 2016, 6:30pm
Dream Charter School
1991 Second Avenue, NY, NY 10029

*** Minutes ***

PRESENT (38):

Jarquay Abdullah
Beverly Alston LE
Jose Altamirano
Adem Brija
Diane Collier
Carlos Diaz
Holley Drakeford
Brodie Enoch
Judith Febbraro
Neil Flynn
David L. Giordano
Joseph Goldbloom
Lilybelle Gonzalez
Emily Grajales
John Green
La Shawn Henry LE
Alvin Johnson
Erica Jones
Jewel Jones
Amie Kiros-Petrucci
Alex Kohen
Marissa Mack
Edwin Marcial
Frances Mastrotta
Peggy Morales
Jacqueline Nelson
Nilsa Orama
Robert Perkins
Debbie Quinones
Celia Ramirez
Xavier Santiago
Chandra Smith
Shantal Sparks
Vincent Torres
Jason Villanueva
Steven Villanueva
Marie Winfield
Jonathan Winstone

Note:

AL –arrived late
LE – left early

EXCUSED (6):

Melanee Farrah
Wendy Hewlett
Mahfuzur Rahman
Candy Vives-Vasquez
Jemar Ward
Jesse Yang

ABSENT (4):

Yolanda Brown
Cinthia de la Rosa
Elsie Encarnacion
James Garcia

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Eric Rivera
(Senator Serrano's office)

Assemblyman Robert
Rodriguez

Councilmember Ben Kallos

Yissely Ortiz
(Borough President's office)

Nina Saxon,
(Comptroller's office)

GUESTS:

Morad Aryeh
Daniel Fernandez
Lundgren Peters
Andre Mauro
Theresa Richardson
Courtney Libon
John Stesi
Peter Myette
Benjamin Delikat
Jaritza Taveras
Oscar Poza
Anthony Ralph
Henry Comas
Ny Whitaker
Evelyn Collazo
Sharon Garrett
Pilar de Jesus
Omari Rose
Joe Delorme
Christian Williams
Myra Colon
Leslie Colon
Robert Anazagasti
Jacob Tegendrajch
Keisha Latty
Dennis Osorio
Ivan Yarynchah
Judith Pappo
Roberto Anazagasti
Keith Gordon
George Aryeh
Amanda Ianetti
Dorisella Hernandez
Katie Nikolaeva
Wendy Ferreira
Viveca Diaz
Jasmin Berges
Alfredo Carrasa
Maggie McDermott

Beverly MacFarlane
Roger Hernandez
Felix Leo Campos
Emily Parley
Joanna Salcedo
Calvin Brown
Cleveland Polite
Eric Cilette
Veanda Simmons
Kevin Parris
Specer Orkus
Ashley Peate
Ethan Nooi
Jennifer Ratner
Marina Ortiz
Raffi Noorani
Barry Sleckman
Ray Tirado

Pre-registered Institutions, Groups and Individuals

Erik Cliette, NYC H+H – provided an update on the Guns Down/Life Up violence prevention program expected to be implemented at H+H/Metropolitan in the near future.

Joanna Salcedo, NYC DOE – announced a program for adults over 21 offering GED and ESL within their office of adult education.

Felix Leo Campos, Julia de Burgos Arts Alliance – announced National Parenthood Day, their 3rd Annual Festival on October 23rd promoting the Children's Aid Society. He also discussed his concern about the Julia de Burgos (RFEI) Request for Expression of Interest process and wanted an inquiry opened regarding the process.

The Chair encouraged him to come to the board's Economic Development, Culture & Tourism committee.

Calvin Brown, NYC DCP – provided an update regarding re-zoning and the EHNP study, stating that the agency is looking at the plan and is working with neighborhood partners. They will be looking at issues and concerns raised in the plan. He stated that there will be more to present by early fall. He encouraged interested parties to reach out to him.

He responded to a question regarding steering committee meetings and the dates/times of such meetings by stating that individuals should contact the Speakers office but that his agency will have meetings in the evening. He also responded to a question about the status of jobs by indicating that the steering committee engages all partners in the process. And, in response to a question about economic development/set salary he responded no.

Emily Parkey, Dream Charter School/Harlem RBI – she invited all to their annual championship day taking place on August 12th. The school is currently in search of tutors and in particular individuals from East Harlem- all subjects and a 4pm-6pm time slot. Lastly, she introduced a new staff member who is the new family community engagement coordinator.

Cleveland Polite, Church of Scientology – announced the opening of the Church of Scientology, thanked the board, and invited everyone in attendance to the grand opening. He wants to hear from the community.

Ethan Noor – he commented about a shelter on 119th street. And, he talked about efforts in keeping the block clean.

The Chair offered that he was concerned about being a good neighbor.

Morad Aryeh – he commented that he has been a resident of East Harlem for some time and discussed a homeless shelter and offered having a school instead.

George Aryeh – he commented that West Harlem is more popular and in East Harlem we do not have much. He indicated that there are so many good restaurants in West Harlem and was concerned that there wasn't as much in East Harlem.

Jennifer Ratner, Friends of the East River Esplanade (60-120th Streets) – attempting to make the water front better than it is now. She discussed their efforts thus far. She discussed a banner that was stolen and that it was back up again-for a couple of months. She invited all to the 90th Street Pier which is a shuttered and wanted to make it functional so she got the Parks Dept. to open it during Sundays in July.

She responded to questions. Regarding plans for a water taxi she stated that she did not have much influence over that but she made mention of the Mayor's new initiative.

Board member Johnson made mention of information that he can provide regarding a pier.

Courtney Libon, Legal Aid Society – she announced services provided at her office. She works in the tenant’s rights division and provides assistance.

Jacob Tugendrach, Museum of the City of NY – he announced Uptown Bounce which is coming back next Wednesday, July 27th and the three next Wednesday’s after and invited all to the event.

Ivan Yarynchuk – discussed an issue of the 24-hour car wash located at 334 E. 109th street. Among the concerns he expressed included the level of noise coming from the car wash, its high volume and his belief that it was creating a safety issue. He distributed a petition to stop it from operating. The Chair advised him to come to the board’s Public Safety & Transportation committee.

Bob Anazagasti, NERVE – he discussed a concern about the meters and indicated that there are senior citizens and wanted the board to look into the matter. He added that he was against the homeless shelter and he was for the car wash.

Ray Tirado, Community Voices Heard – he stated that there is a need for low income housing. He also discussed jobs and hourly wages.

Dennis Osorio, Community Voices Heard – he discussed the severe housing crisis. He made mention of the EHNP and the recommendations that resulted from the plan. He expressed opposition to the Lexington Gardens plan.

Vivica Diaz – she stated that she was a resident and discussed the homeless shelter. She expressed her concern that the neighborhood was oversaturated. She inquired as to whether there would be an opportunity for the public to speak on this topic.

The Chair reiterated the Assemblyman’s aforementioned press conference on this very topic.

Elected Official Reports

Councilmember Kallos – among the subjects he reported included the Citi bike stations, his concerns about the Bd. of Elections, his budget amendment, and he was currently looking into a response regarding the Rivington matter.

The Councilmember responded to questions. With regard to a question about bike stations he responded that the individuals should write to DOT with suggestions and/or alternatives. Regarding a question about the location of bike stations he responded that the process DOT uses for selection of bike stations can be found on the DOT website. To a concern about a bike station being placed at Franklin Plaza the response was that there will not be any bike stations placed at that location.

Lastly, the Chair made note of the fact that the Councilmember gave \$4,500 in discretionary funds to the board.

Assemblyman Rodriguez – among the subjects reported by the Assemblyman included the RFP for NYCHA’s Holmes Houses and he stated that he will be monitoring the process. He provided an update on the 2nd Avenue Subway progress and stated that the Phase 1 of the process has the subway ending at 96th Street. He added that it will be extended and that it will be making its way north to 125th Street. There will be an RFP to extend it north. The Assemblyman discussed the \$2 mil toward the restoration of Pier 107 and indicated that he was looking to move forward with the necessary assistance from relevant sources. He advised the board to make this a capital priority. And, the same for the renovation of Thomas Jefferson Park. He spoke at length about homeless shelters. In particular, he stated his issues and that it was a quality of life crisis and that more work needed to be done. He provided data regarding the number of existing homeless shelters, beds, rehabilitation clinics, and supportive and transitional housing. The Assemblyman then announced the he and a coalition of community leaders will be holding a press

conference calling for a fair and equitable distribution of homeless shelters citywide. The press conference is slated for Thursday, July 12 at 3pm at 428 East 119th St, between Pleasant & 1st Avenue. The Assembly Member responded to questions. There were concerns raised about homeless shelters and in particular about the number within this district. Further, there were concerns that East Harlem is overburdened with the number of such facilities and transitional housing situations. And, concerns were voiced about the 125th Street area and the situation with youth, homeless, individuals with mental illness. In his response he stated that some districts have no homeless shelters and that the priority should be providing affordable housing. He encouraged everyone to come out to the press conference.

Nina Saxon, Comptroller's office – there were two announcements: 1- The Comptroller's Sunscreen Audit which proposes sunscreen dispensers throughout the City because of the prevalence of skin cancer. 2- DOF discovered that 59.2 mil was paid out to deceased individuals.

Eric Rivera, Senator Serrano's office – Among the announcements included the Senator's involvement in the Brennan Ctr. Report on Campaign finance reform. Specifically, small donor public financing in elections. He also reported on outreach to veterans and partnering with veteran's affairs both City and State.

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Yissely Ortiz, Community Liaison – she discussed that capital funding awards were announced: 11 mil/public schools for technology & auditorium upgrades, 2 mil/urban agriculture & hydroponics & infrastructure, 3mil/parks, 5mil/ cultural organizations & 6mil/social services organizations, libraries & CUNY campuses. She announced that on will be an overview of the Council's grants programs taking place July 26th at El Museo del Barrio. She discussed that there will be conversations throughout Manhattan on systemic racism and the Upper East Side/East Harlem session will be taking place on July 21st at 6pm at Harlem RBI/Dream Charter School.

There was a question about discretionary spending specifically allocated to East Harlem which was answered by Ahmed.

Public Hearings

1. Land Use Application #'s 160336ZMM, N160337ZRM, 160338ZSM, 160339ZSM, 160340HAM for the proposed *Lexington Gardens II development project*
2. Land Use Application # C160194 for the proposed *1968 Second Avenue Rezoning*

Business Session

Roll Call- Jewel Jones, Secretary

Adoption of the Agenda dated July 19, 2016 – Motion to adopt by Emily Grajales, seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes dated June 21, 2015 - Motion to approve by John Green, seconded by Xavier Santiago and passed with two opposed (Kohen, Winstone).

Chair's Report – Diane Collier - Motion to approve by Amie Kiros-Petrucci, seconded by La Shawn Henry passed unanimously.

District Manager's Report – Angel Mescain – Motion to approve by Celia Ramirez, seconded by Steven Villanueva and passed unanimously.

Officers Reports

1. Secretary Jewel Jones – The secretary stated that three members received an e-mail with the subject heading of membership attendance alert. The e-mail alerted the members that they had three absences (which included excused absences). She asked if there were any questions and none were asked.
2. Treasurer Marissa Mack – The treasurer stated that a close-out budget report was included in our packets. She also discussed the backpacks that had been previously discussed at a prior meeting. She pointed out the sponsorship request form to be used by committee’s requesting funds.

Action Items & Committee Reports

Licenses & Permits

Liquor Licenses

	<u>Action/ License</u>	<u>License #</u>	<u>Applicant/ DBA</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>License Specs/Changes</u>	<u>Committee Recommends</u>	<u>Motion</u>
1.	New/ RW	n/a	JMF Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Judy’s Spanish Restaurant	1505 Lexington Avenue	New	Approval	Motion to approve Jewel Jones, seconded by Celia Ramirez. Motion Passed with one opposed (J. Villanueva).
2.	Class Change	#1266952	Hot Jalapeno Restaurant Corp.	219 East 116th Street	Class Change to Full Liquor License	Approval	Motion to approve by Jason Villanueva, seconded by Holley Drakeford. Motion Passed.
3.	New/ OP	n/a	Gumbo Et Tous, LLC	59 East 125th Street	New	Denial – Applicant withdrew 30-day notice	Motion to approve Jewel Jones, seconded by Celia Ramirez. Motion Passed with one opposed (J. Villanueva).
4.	New/ RW	n/a	EBJF LLC d/b/a El Mondays on Madison	32 East 130th Street	New	Approval	Motion to approve Jewel Jones, seconded by Celia Ramirez. Motion Passed with one opposed (J. Villanueva).
5.	New/ RW	n/a	2248 1 st Avenue d/b/a Yura’s Blue Plate	2248 First Avenue	New	Approval	Motion to approve Jewel Jones, seconded by Celia Ramirez. Motion Passed with one opposed (J. Villanueva).
6.	New/ OP	n/a	E.116 th Street Cocktail Group LLC	332 East 116 th Street	New	Approval	Motion to approve Jewel Jones, seconded by Celia Ramirez. Motion Passed with

							one opposed (J. Villanueva).
7.	Alteration/ OP	#1288210	1325 CCPT Corp. d/b/a Maxwell's Central Park	1325 Fifth Avenue	Alteration to add sidewalk café	Denial – Applicant withdrew 30- day notice	Motion to approve by Jason Villanueva, seconded by Holley Drakeford. Motion Passed.
8.	Renewal/ OP	#1278243	1590 Lupita Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Lupita's Restaurant	2049 Second Avenue	Renewal	Approval	Motion to approve by Carlos Diaz, seconded by Edwin Marcial. Motion Passed
9.	New/ RW	n/a	Mi Comedor LLC	170 Eat 118 th Street	New	Approval	Motion to approve Carlos Diaz, seconded by Edwin Marcial. Motion Passed
10.	Renewal/ OP	#1264913	Cucina Romana Inc. d/b/a Gran Piatto D'oro	1429 5th Avenue	Renewal	Approval	Motion by Carlos Diaz to approve by on the basis that this license is kept in Safekeeping by the SLA for their specified period of time of 6 months. Motion seconded by Edwin Marcial and passed with one present/not voting (Kiros-Petrucci).
11.	New/ RW	n/a	Bean Y Vino LLC	1651 Lexington Avenue	New	Approval	Motion to approve Carlos Diaz, seconded by Edwin Marcial. Motion Passed

Street Activity Permits

12. Metropolitan Hospital Center Family Health Day
Single Block Festival – E. 106th St. bet 3rd Ave. and Lexington Ave.
August 13th 2016, 10-5pm
Applicant: Claudia Duarte
Sponsor: Metropolitan Hospital Center
Motion to approve by Frances Mastrota, seconded by Nilsa Orama. Motion Passed with two abstaining (Diaz, Grajales).

13. Friends and Family Fun Fair
Single Block Festival– 163 E. 111th St. Bet. Lexington and Third Ave's
August 6th, 2016, - 9am-6pm
Applicant: Amaris Obando
Sponsor: First Spanish United Methodist Church

Motion to approve by Frances Mastrota, seconded by Nilsa Orama. Motion Passed.

14. HCZ Play Street
Block Party –2005 E.128th St, Bet. Madison and Park Ave's

August 10, 2016, 8am-5pm
Applicant: Shanequia Nesbit
Sponsor: Harlem Children's Zone
Motion to approve by Frances Mastrota, seconded by Nilsa Orama. Motion Passed.

15. Harlem RBI Championship Day
Block Party – E. 101 St. Bet. 1st and 2nd Ave's
August 12, 2016, 9am-6pm
Applicant: Idalia Soto
Sponsor: Harlem RBI
Motion to approve by Frances Mastrota, seconded by Nilsa Orama. Motion Passed.

16. 11th Annual Day of Hope
Single Block Festival – E. 115th St. Bet. 1st and 2nd Ave's
August 6th, 2016, 9am – 5pm
Applicant: Carla Milan
Sponsor: New York Presbyterian Hospital
Motion to approve Frances Mastrota, seconded Vinny Torres. Motion Passed.

17. Back to School Education and Health Fair
Single Block Festival– 130 E. 101 St. Bet. Lexington and Park Ave's.
August 20, 2016 – 9am -8pm
Applicant: Rev. Felipe Ayala
Sponsor: Life Changers church and Ministries of Manhattan Inc.
Motion to approve Frances Mastrota, seconded Vinny Torres. Motion Passed.

18. Rehoboth Annual Street Fair
Single Block Festival – E. 118th St. Bet. Lexington and 3rd Ave's
August 20, 2016 – 9am – 8pm
Applicant: Rev. Obed Vazquez
Sponsor: Rehoboth Christian Church
Motion to approve Frances Mastrota, seconded Vinny Torres. Motion Passed.

19. Wilson Houses Family Day
Block Party– E. 105th St Bet. 1st & FDR Drive
August 20, 2016 – 10am – 8pm
Applicant: Belinda Howard
Sponsor: Wilson Houses
Motion to approve Frances Mastrota, seconded Vinny Torres. Motion Passed.

20. Street Health Fair
Single Block Festival – 1802 E. 100th St. Bet. 3rd and Lexington Ave's
August 20, 2016 – 11am – 6pm
Applicant: Minnie Wheeler
Sponsor: Miracle Pentecostal Church
Motion to approve by Alvin Johnson, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed.

21. Empowered weAre
Block Party – E. 109th St. Bet. Lexington and Park Ave's
August 27, 2016 – 9am – 6pm
Applicant: Ayanna Oliver

Sponsor: Ayanna Oliver521@yahoo.com

Motion to deny by Beverly Alston, seconded by Emily Grajales and passed.

22. Maple Court Family and Friends Day

Block Party – E. 123rd St. Bet. Madison & Park Ave's

August 27, 2016 – 9am – 7pm

Applicant: Sandra Foster

Sponsor: Maple Court

Motion to approve by Alvin Johnson, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed.

23. Tuskegee Airmen Depot

Block Party – E. 99th St. bet. Lexington and Park Ave's

August 27, 2016 – 9am – 6pm

Applicant: Dwayne Ruffin

Sponsor: Tuskegee Airmen Depot NYCTA

Motion to approve by Alvin Johnson, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed with one abstention (Grajales).

24. ARC Block Party

Block Party– 2015 E. 128th St. Bet. Madison and Park Ave's

August 27, 2016 – 10am – 7pm

Applicant: Janet Williams

Sponsor: ARC Fund

Motion to approve by Alvin Johnson, seconded by Peggy Morales and passed with one present/voting (Enoch).

25. A Healthy You

Religious Ceremony – E. 123rd St. Bet. 2nd and 3rd Ave's

August 20, 2016 – 12pm – 7pm

Applicant: Swann Street

Sponsor: Chambers Memorial Baptist Church

Motion to approve date change from 8/27/16 to 8/20/16 by Carlos Diaz, seconded by Frances Mastrota and passed.

Motion to approve Frances Mastrota, seconded by Nilsa Orama. Motion Passed.

26. Save the Youth

Block Party – E. 104th St. Bet. 3rd & 2nd Ave's

September 10, 2016 – 9am – 6pm

Applicant: Tiffany Phillips

Sponsor: Residents of 104th St.

Motion to deny by Beverly Alston, seconded by Emily Grajales and passed.

27. Annual Father & Son Stickball

Block Party – Pleasant Ave. Bet. E. 118th & E. 120th Sts.

August 20, 2016 – 10am – 6pm

Applicant: Michael Lentini

Sponsor: 40 University Avenue, Yonkers, NY

Motion to approve by Nilsa Orama, seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed.

28. Community Hope Center – Open House
Single Block Festival– 315 E. 115th St. Bet 1st & 2nd Ave’s.
September 18, 2016 – 10am – 8pm
Applicant: Cheryl Dennis
Sponsor: Community Hope Center 315 E. 115th St. New York, NY
Motion to approve by Nilsa Orama, seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed.

29. Emmanuel Chapel Block Party
Single Block Festival – E. 105th St. Bet. 2nd & 3rd Ave’s
July 30, 2016 – 10am – 8pm
Applicant: Louis Mellini
Sponsor: Perfecting Faith Church
Motion to approve by Nilsa Orama, seconded by Celia Ramirez and passed.

Executive

30. Brodie Enoch made a motion to issue a letter of support for Guns Down/
Life Up which was seconded by Vinny Torres and passed unanimously.

Land Use, Landmarks & Planning

31. Motion to approve land use application #C160194ZMM submitted by 1968 Second Avenue Realty LLC to amend zoning sectional map 6b to expand an existing C1-5 commercial overlay district onto an area, 1968 Second Avenue (Block 1673, Lots 1 and 6) at the corner of 101st Street, currently zoned R7A to facilitate the legalization of a long-standing supermarket.

Motion by Holley Drakeford, seconded by Vinny Torres and passed with one abstention.

32. Motion to approve land use applications C160336ZMM, N160337ZRM, 160338ZSM, 160339ZSM and 160340HAM. To facilitate the construction of a new affordable housing development with 390 dwelling units on property comprised of Block 1635, Lots 1, 7 and 16 (Park Avenue, 108th Street, Lexington Avenue and 107th Street) the following land use actions are requested: zoning map amendments; Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP) designation and project approval and disposition of city-owned property; Special permits; Zoning Text Amendment to apply the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program.

Motion by Carlos Diaz, seconded by Jonathan Winstone and passed with thirteen opposed (Abdullah, Enoch, Giordano, Grajales, Johnson, E. Jones, Kohen, Marcial, Nelson, Orama, Ramirez, J. Villanueva, Winfield) and five abstaining (Altamirano, Brija, Green, Santiago, Smith).

Approval of Committee Reports

- Land Use, Landmarks & Planning – Motion to approve by Holley Drakeford, seconded by John Green and passed.

- Office Oversight – Motion to approve by Holley Drakeford, seconded by Edwin Marcial and passed.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by John Green, seconded Celia Ramirez and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jewel Jones, Secretary.

Appendix

January - July 2016 Attendance