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Land Use, Landmarks & Planning
September 14, 2016, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Bonifacio Cora Texidor Housing for the Elderly Community Room
7 East 116th Street, New York, NY 10029

MINUTES

PRESENT: H. Candy Vives-Vasquez, Adem Brija, Holley Drakeford, Jewel Jones, Alex Kohen, Xiomara Pedraza, Robert Perkins, Shantal Sparks, Steven Villanueva, Jemar Ward, Theresa Richardson

EXCUSED: Beverly Alston, Joseph Goldbloom, La Shawn Henry, Vincent Torres, Jonathan Winstone

ABSENT: Frances Mastrota

GUESTS: George Janes; David Valerio; Alvin Johnson, CB11; Dwayne Harris, VOA; Naomi Barrera; S. Wilkins, HABGTF; Robert Anazagasti, NERVE; Roger Hernandez, El Barrio Unite; Marie Winfield, CB11; Tom Lunke, HABGTF; Jeannie Rivera; Mia Navarro; Jason Villanueva; Ahmed Tagani

1. Meeting was called to Order by Chair Candy Vives-Vasquez

Adoption of the Agenda motioned by Holley Drakeford.

2. Informational Presentation and Discussion Only

- a. Presentation on Uniform Land Use Review Procedure

A brief overview from the Land Use 101 presentation of the Process and Procedure for the Uniform Land Use Review (ULURP) was given by Ahmed Tigani from the Manhattan Borough President's office.

- b. Update on 126th Street Bus Depot Project

George Janes, CB11's Land Use Consultant, presented a set of hypothetical development scenarios based on the reasonable worst case scenario provided by EDC related to the proposed redevelopment of 126th Street Bus Depot site at 126th Street and Second Avenue. The intention of his presentation was to give an insight of what can be as potential options around the site based on the previous (June) presentation EDC gave the committee. (see attachments). The options can

be either to have the set number of 700 units affordability or for the sensitivity of the burial ground to have an alternative development. Environmental questions were raised regarding the area. The information was based for the members to have an opportunity for comments for EDC.

A motion was made by Xiomara Pedraza for the committee to make a formal recommendation comment for the scoping document on the environmental impact of local infrastructure of the site, desire for a smaller scale development with deeper affordability. A friendly amendment was made by Steven Villanueva for a consideration of land preservation. The motion passed with one opposed (J. Jones) and two abstentions (Richardson, Ward).

- c. Committee discussion on FY 2018 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities

A discussion and suggestions for the FY18 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities.

Members asked for language be revised to read

Capital Requests:

“Ensure that new units built via the MIH program include a percentage of units set aside for seniors”.

“Prioritize the participation of local developments corporations in any affordable housing projects, whether they consist of new building construction or the rehabilitation of existing buildings.”

Expense Requests:

“Fund the necessary environmental assessment and ULURP application for the recommendations of CB11’s East Harlem Land Use & Rezoning Initiative and the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan.”

“Hire an additional planner for Upper Manhattan in order to better understand the impact of multiple buildings being developed with the district.”

3. Old Business

- a. Chair mentioned to the members of the committee additional summary information will be added to the agenda with follow-up information for all past and current projects that were presented before the committee and at full board ULURP as the project progress to full development.

4. Announcements

- a. Angel announced that Mia Brezin, Assistant District Manager, will resign effective September 23, 2016.
- b. 126th Street Bus Depot Project- NYC EDC and the Speakers office will host the East 126th Street Harlem African Burial Ground Memorial & Mixed-Use Project Open House on September 15, 2016 from 6-8 pm at the Silberman School of Social Work, located at 2180 3rd Avenue, first floor conference room (115AB). This event will offer attendees an opportunity to learn more about the history of the bus depot site and former Harlem African Burial Ground, and to discuss future plans to create a memorial as a central feature of redevelopment that brings multiple benefits to the neighborhood.
- c. NYC EDC will hold a public scoping meeting related to a proposed project at the site of the former 126th Street Bus Depot on September 27, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. at the Silberman of Social Work, located at 2180 3rd Avenue, first floor conference room (115AB). The comment period for the Draft Scope of Work will remain open until October 7, 2016.
- d. In August 2016, the NYC Dept. of Sanitation released the Environmental Assessment Statement for the Proposed DSNY Manhattan District 11 Garage

Motion to Adjourn was made by Theresa Richardson and Jewel Jones.

Minutes prepared by Candy Vives-Vasquez