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Executive Committee Monday, September 22, 2016 7:00 p.m. Board Office

*** Minutes ***

- Present:** Diane Collier, Holley Drakeford, Brodie Enoch, Judith Febbraro, James Garcia, Jewel Jones, Marissa Mack, Debbie Quiñones, Candy Vives-Vasquez
- Absent:** Jose Altamirano, David Giordano, Frances Mastrota
- Excused:** Alex Kohen, Neil Flynn (resigned)
- Guests:** Robert Anazagasti, Robert Anazagasti, Jr., Lisa Duke, Esther Devalle, Mahfuzur Rahman, Jeremiah Schlotzman, Jason Villanueva, Emily Grajales

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

Chair Diane Collier called the meeting to order at 7:07P and asked for a motion to approve agenda. Judith Febbraro made the motion to adopt the agenda which was seconded by Candy Vasquez.

2. Discussions

a. Conflicts of Interest Training

Pursuant to the Charter Reform process in 2010, the City Charter requires members/workers of City agencies to complete Conflicts of Interest training every two years. The District Manager and Chair arrange for Mr. Alex Kipp, Director of Training and Education to provide refresher presentation for the Community Board to remain in compliance with the law.

Mr. Kipp acknowledged that most of the attendees have taken the MBPO training, and that he would be brief with his overview. He began by saying that COIB is not solely in the business of punishing wrongdoing, but in preventing it through education and confidential advice. Towards that end, he recommended that board members remember a simple (3) Ds rule to follow. 1) Disclose 2) Discuss and 3) don't vote.

He recommended that if members contact their office with any concerns, and such questions, information and even investigations will be in strict confidence. He proceeded to give examples of common issues on community boards: A community board member who is a City employee is not permitted to vote on any matter concerning the member's agency. A community board member is permitted to have an interest in a firm that may

be affected by an action of the board. The member must disclose the interest to the board, and is then free to discuss the matter with fellow board members. However, a community board member is not permitted to vote on any matter that may result in a personal and direct economic gain to him/her or anyone associated with the member. Subordinates relations with their supervisor. Board members can call the Conflicts of Interest Board for legal advice on any issues that need clarification and/or guidance. All calls are confidential. When board members remove themselves from voting, quorum is maintained and vote is based on the majority of those voting.

The Conflict of Interests Board can be reached at 212-442-1400.

b. Housing in East Harlem Today

Brodie Enoch, Chair of CB11 Housing Committee gave a brief update on the forum and reviewed the forum agenda. Tenants and Neighbors, UHAB, Legal Aid, Chase had confirmed their position. Debbie emphasized that the topics discussed be aligned with the EHNP, and James Garcia asked about NYCHA participation at the event. All parties agreed that NYCHA's concerns are best served in separate forum as the only topic. Brodie reviewed the agenda and blueprint for the meeting. Flyers are available at the office.

3. Old Business

- Candy talked about the importance of public input which often requires more discussion, multi and late meetings to generate thoughtful recommendations. The Chair agreed with Candy, and reiterated the significance of evaluating proposed actions at committee level rather than as late night deliberations at full board

4. New Business

- Debbie announced that she, at the request of the Chair, will be working on the Statement of Needs and tracking the process. Both the Chair and Debbie acknowledge that the new assignment is a work in progress and new processes if needed will be formulated for next submission.
- Mr. Bob Anazagasti questioned what is CB11 Land Use and housing statement on deeper affordability, unused vacant property as it relates to housing preservation and new development. CB11 has advocated for these issues and continue to do so as in our Statement of District Needs. District Manager noted the statement is in our current submission.

5. Announcements

- Latin Jazz Concert at Art Park and Marie Dixon Street renaming coming Saturday
- Brodie announce he has been selected as one of 8CUNY students as Hamilton fellows
- James Garcia will be speaking on behalf of the city with NYC Parks on the Shape Up program at Thomas Jefferson Park.
- Robert Anazagasti will be playing paddle ball on Saturday on 109th and Park.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20P as motioned by Brodie Enoch and seconded by Marissa Mack