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District Needs & Budget Review Committee March 1, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Board Office

*** Minutes ***

- Present: Melanee Farrah, Joseph Goldbloom, Xavier A. Santiago, Jason Villanueva, Angel Mescain (staff)
- Excused: Alex Kohen, Nilsa Orama (ex-officio)
- Absent: none
- Guests: Ryan Sheffield, Shantal Sparks

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

Xavier Santiago called the meeting to order 6:45 PM.

Jason Villanueva made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded by Mel Farrah and passed unanimously.

2. Discussions & Presentations

a. Review response letter to mayor.

Chairs of each committee were given an extension to provide additional data points; however, none were provided. The response letter would continue advocacy of the positions taken during the October meeting supporting the original Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities. The membership reviewed the letter. As we did not have enough real time data, Jason Villanueva asked to remove the reference of the influx of Puerto Rican migrants due to Hurricane Maria. Additional rephrasing was adjusted in the letter to utilize statements with diplomatic tones. It was noted that the agencies had not attended meetings when invited. The committee expressed that the Community Board must be more consistent in their outreach and advocacy. The letter was edited to create a more consistently softer tone for engagement.

b. Council hearing participation.

Jason Villanueva will attend the OMB session at the beginning of the Council Hearings. Xavier Santiago will attend those pertaining to Housing and NYCHA. Mel Farrah will

consult her schedule for availability. Chairs of each committee should encourage their membership to attend the Council Hearings.

- c. Next steps for committees and preparation for next fiscal year.

Chairs should contact the individual agencies to continue their advocacy with FY19's requests. Xavier Santiago discussed how many other Community Boards are beginning discussions for FY20's requests at the committee level. Before close of this year's session, committees should have a preliminary list of budget requests so that committee leadership may work digitally over the recess. It may be necessary for the SDN & Budget committee membership and committee chairs to meet over the recess to refine the requests for a more streamlined process when the Board reconvenes in the fall. Xavier Santiago and Jason Villanueva will be available to assist with training the new committee vice-chairs.

3. Old Business
4. New Business
5. Announcements
6. Adjournment

Jason Villanueva made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joseph Goldbloom and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.