District Needs & Budget Review Committee
February 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.
Board Office

*** Minutes ***

Present: Melanee Farrah, Joseph Goldbloom, Emily Grajales, Debbie Quiñones, Mahfuzur Rahman, Marie Winfield, Jonathan Winstone

Excused: Jason Villanueva

Absent: none

Guests: Xavier Santiago, Angel Mescain (staff)

1. Call to Order

2. Committee Discussion

No comments were submitted from any other committees thus far, however, some provided notes to Angel about general priorities. Further, many priorities were identified that are actually policy recommendations and items requiring following; therefore, few items require specific response on the preliminary budget.

The committee discussed method for arriving at a final written document, particularly in light of the upcoming Borough Board budget hearing on Feb. 15.

Joe noted that one approach used in other CB is to include a statement of long-term unmet needs facing the community, so as to create a document aligned with our District Needs and what East Harlem is facing.

Xavier noted the importance and work of the EHNP and the importance/relevance of maintaining that through iterations of this narrative.

Motion: Melanee Farrah to append introductory text and recommend to the full board as comment. Seconded: Mahfuz Rahman. Approved unanimously.

3. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn Mahfuz, seconded by Emily. The committee adjourned at 9:29pm.