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

\*\*\* Minutes \*\*\*

- Present: Joseph Goldbloom, Mahfuzur Rahman, Jason Villanueva, Marie Winfield, Jonathan Winstone
- Excused: Melanee Farrah, Debbie Quinones
- Absent: La Shawn Henry, Wendy Hewlett
- Guests: Gina Smith, Nilsa Orama

#### 1. Call to Order / Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm.

#### 2. Committee Discussion

The committee began with a discussion of the work plan for the committee and how to approach the task at hand, immediately the response to this year's preliminary budget, followed by planning for next year. The following are notes from the initial discussion, the future action plans will be determined at subsequent meetings.

#### Action plan

##### a. Committees

Budget Review committee will provide lists back to Committee chairs requesting specific priorities for submissions

- i. If Committees do not have current project status, then they should inquire. If unavailable, it is incumbent on the committee to draft a statement in response to their sections.
- ii. Responses should form the basis of a testimony for City Council hearing--we should testify at budget hearing for our 1-3 highest priority issues.
- iii. Youth/Education Committee
  1. School Based Health Clinics
  2. High priority item, but was assigned to HHC instead of DOHMH or DOE.
- iv. Priority items
- v. Sanitation Garage

- vi. NYCHA infrastructure
    - 1. Mayor has recently announced \$1B in new funding for NYCHA roof rehabilitation. Desire to use this information to advocate for a significant share of this funding in East Harlem.
  - vii. Seawalls & Bulkheads: Resiliency-Priority 26 Expenditure (EDC request? Past project: <https://www.nycedc.com/project/east-river-waterfront-esplanade>)
  - viii. School based health clinics: update submission destination
  - ix. ThriveNYC-Health Committee
- b. Responses
    - i. Elected official outreach: make sure that committees are aware of their duty to compile items for the CB to reach out to elected officials.
      - 1. Libraries: need advocacy to continue capital plan and operating hours
        - a. Letter of thanks from CB and membership for extended operating hours/days is an easy first step.
  - c. Future work
    - i. Each committee needs to know their agency contacts so that they can follow up and guide their requests (find agency contact information in the Budget Register)
    - ii. Develop a “workshop” for committee chairs and members to empower them to write quality requests
      - 1. Work with agency contacts to develop good requests

#### Chair Priorities

- a. We need your expertise and historical knowledge to effectively advocate with the City for our fair share of the executive budget.
- b. What we’re looking for in a response
- c. Be targeted and specific with your response.
- d. Focus on specific project opportunities, rather than broad policy proposals. (Johnson Houses roofs, not NYCHA general poor conditions)
- e. Make sure your response aligns with the original request and clarifies the need.
- f. Emphasize major changes in the community.
- g. Anything having to do with the upcoming rezoning is great to highlight.
- h. Aligning with EHNP is a great idea.
- i. Focus on your high priorities.
- j. Not everything needs a response
- k. If an agency suggests further study, perhaps the committee’s next step is to follow up with your agency contact to determine the process and results of that study.
- l. Fill in additional column at far right with your comments.

#### Deadlines

- a. All committee’s meeting this week: Housing, PS&T, Land Use, Parks
- b. Submit by Friday, February 10th
- c. Health: stick around and submit during meeting!
- d. Youth & Education; EcoDev: Friday, February 17th