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Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee
Tuesday January 10th 7:00 p.m.
Bonifacio Senior Center
7 East 116th Street

***** MINUTES*****

Present: Jose Altamirano, Carlos Diaz, Holley Drakeford, Melanee Farrah, Erica Jones, Marissa Mack, Edwin Marcial, Celia Ramirez, Steven Villanueva, Xavier Santiago, Jesse Yang

Absent: Cinthia De La Rosa

Excused: Vincent Torres, H. Candy Vives-Vasquez

Guests: Peter Insalaco (Result Media Team), EDC

1. Call to Order – Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Drakeford called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Motion to adopt agenda by Marissa Mack, seconded by (inaudible) and passed.

2. Presentations & Discussions

- a. Committee discussion on goals for 2017
 - i. The committee that there is much work to get accomplished on 2017. He expressed that he would like to see more outreach. Ensuring that the community has access to the information presented to the committee, such as job opportunities, etc. X. Santiago advised that there was previously a public outreach committee, an idea that should be considered. The committee can serve as a conduit to ensure that necessary information regarding employment opportunities can be more expansively shared. Melanie Farrah advised that there are items such as job boards or email blasts that can sent out. Edwin Marcial would like to see more cultural affairs presentations. Steve Villanueva noted incorporating the statement of district needs into the mindset of the committee is important. The unemployment rate for those 16 – older is over 50% and economic development opportunity and presentations are important.
- b. Review of Draft Scoping Comments from DCP Rezoning plan
 - i. The committee has submitted comments. Jose Altamirano advised that the density and transportation impact should be strongly considered.
- c. Discussion on 126th Street Bus Depot

- i. Erica Jones attended a recent meeting from the African Burial Ground Taskforce. A review of the meeting was given by Ms. Jones. Certification of the project is expected to occur on 1/23/2017. Once certified the project scope goes into ULURP. Feedback from committees is suggested to assist in the development of the RFP. EDC advised that the feedback from each of the committees is requested, in the form of recommendations. EDC is also seeking a list of community organizations focusing on workforce development. There are 60 days after certification to submit comments.

3. New Business

4. Old Business

- a. Jess Yang is working on a proposed rollout for Financial Literacy Series and will advise of an update at next committee meeting.

5. Announcements

- a. Steven Villanueva advised that the Draft by laws revision is up for vote at the next committee meeting. He also advised that there is a proposed amendment to the draft for review and vote. Primary change reduces review period from 50-30 days.

6. Adjournment

Edwin Marcial made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Melanie Farrah and passed.