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Executive Committee Thursday, October 27, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Board Office

***** Minutes *****

- Present: Jose Altamirano, Diane Collier, Brodie Enoch, Judith Febbraro James Garcia, Jewel Jones, Alex Kohen, Frances Mastrota, Marissa Mack, Candy Vives-Vasquez, Angel Mescain (staff)
- Absent: none
- Excused: Holley Drakeford, David Giordano Debbie Quiñones,

1. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda

Chair Diane Collier called the meeting to order at 7:26P. The Chair announced as per Conflict of Interest Board she must excuse herself from leading discussions about the rezoning as her family has a home in the zoning area. In the absence of the Vice Chair, she asked the Land Use Chair Candy Vasquez to preside over the discussion of the DCP proposal. She will be contacting COIB for clarification as to how to handle full board meetings.

2. Discussions

a. East Harlem Rezoning

Land Use Chair Candy Vasquez opened the discussion for each chair to comment about the DCP presentation. In general, the chairs were in consensus that the proposal was in the spirit of the East Harlem Neighborhood plan; but they all expressed concern about the heights and not enough affordable housing with the new building scales as compared to the recommendations in the plan. The members also agree that DCP should have provided copies of the presentation and layman definitions of the zoning terms presented. Diane has requested handouts from DCP, but they did not bring them. Brodie stated that the board should anticipated a lot of push back from community as he heard audience participants expressing anxiety with displacement associated with the heights. Executive

committee members understood that there would be push back and proceeded as lead by Candy to outline next steps;

- DCP must send handouts prior and bring to distribute at meetings for committee and public review. Angel stated that DCP presentation is now on CB11 and DCP website post full board meeting.
- George Janes, CB11, will be presenting visuals at the November 9th land use meeting to show difference in height scales and units.
- The rezoning will be an agenda item for all November/December committee meetings to prepare for their comments contribution to the Scoping Committee. Diane Collier stated that last month's 126th scoping comment can be used as template.
- DCP to confirm in writing that proposed height limits are based on FAA guidelines.
- Executive committee to review and compile all committee scoping comments prior to December full board approval.
- Board to offer solutions to the when the proposal differs to the plan - particularly in deeper affordability and more units thereof.
- A representative from DCP is available at December committee meetings for questions related to their sphere of interest for the community.

b. Parliamentarian

Diane Collier had contacted the MBPO about the availability of Parliamentarian and Translation services in response to community requests for such. These services do have a cost and would be paid by board out of our budget. \$500 per hour for a parliamentarian. MBPO will provide costs for translation equipment, but the translator is an added cost. Brodie commend the chair and board for looking into the accessibility services. As an EEOC issue, Jewel Jones stated we need to provide such services and request should be advance notice.

3. Old Business

- a. Alex Kohen, Chair of by Laws, briefly discussed the revisions noting changes in the nominating committee, attendances requirements, ballot votes in elections, officer changes, table of contents, grammatical and typo changes, committee formation. A summary of extensive changes was prepared also by the committee. The amendments will be sent out after full board November meeting; Alex asked if advanced electronic copy can be emailed. Members were in a consensus to proceed as the current by laws which is to postal mail the revised document the day after next full board meeting. Marissa inquired as why the committee didn't follow the MBP by laws draft. Alex noted that the MBP by laws remains a work in progress and the committee opted instead to work amending CB11 document. Jewel noted that she had attended MBP by laws meeting and found the document amenable. Alex was asked to forward just the summary at this time, and by laws mailed after full board.

- b. Brodie stated that the housing committee forum had a solid attendance of 60 people including MBPO, Speaker and NYC Comptroller and Assemblyman Rodriguez. Next projects are: MNN's streaming their committee meeting and partnering with office about NYCHA forum. Committee has a checklist of challenges and successes with planning their forum and will forward to staff as a tool for other committee's forums.
4. New Business
- a. Timely minutes for board and public review continue to be a challenge. Angel Mescain talked about another board's process that facilitates efficient minutes and transparency. It would involve changing full board and committee dates and Executives would meet prior to monthly full board to review all action items and minutes. Marissa noted that offenders will remain delinquent regardless of changes. All agreed that behavior is the issue and that we explore options of reprimand for late submissions. More discussion on Angel's suggestion at next Executive.
 - b. Alex asked about the progress of the ADM hiring. Jewel responded that the Oversight committee has agreed upon 8 candidates out of the 46 submissions. The goal is to have the new hire by January; however there are challenges with coordinating dates in December. Jewel inquired and expressed outrage about the board's response (13 out of 48) to the Budget Priorities which as a result CB11 missed the submission deadline. Code of Conduct as related to press and board members to be discussed at next Executive meeting.
5. Announcements
- a. The next Full Board meeting will be held at the Terrence Cardinal Cooke Medical Center. The holiday party will take place immediately following the meeting.
6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P as motioned by Brodie and seconded by Candy