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Full Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016, 6:30pm
Henry J. Carter Specialty Hospital & Nursing Facility
1752 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10035

*** Minutes ***

PRESENT:

Jarquay Abdullah
Beverly Alston
Jose Altamirano
Adem Brija
Diane Collier
Carlos Diaz
Holley Drakeford
Elsie Encarnacion
Brodie Enoch
Melanee Farrah LE
Judith Febbraro
David L. Giordano
Joseph Goldbloom
Lilybelle Gonzalez
Emily Grajales
John Green
La Shawn Henry
Alvin Johnson
Erica Jones
Jewel Jones
Amie Kiros-Petrucci
Alex Kohen
Marissa Mack
Edwin Marcial
Frances Mastrota
Peggy Morales LE
Nilsa Orama
Robert Perkins
Debbie Quinones
Mahfuzur Rahman
Xavier Santiago
Jeremiah Schlotman
Shantal Sparks
Vincent Torres
Jason Villanueva
Steven Villanueva
Candy Vives-Vasquez

Jemar Ward
Marie Winfield
Jonathan Winstone
Jesse Yang AL & LE

Note:
AL –arrived late
LE – left early

EXCUSED (3):
James Garcia
Celia Ramirez
Chandra Smith

ABSENT (4):
Yolanda Brown
Cinthia de la Rosa
Wendy Hewlett
Xavier Perez

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Terell Brock
(Senator Serrano’s office)

Van Parish
(Assemblyman Rodriguez’s office)

Yissely Ortiz
(Borough President’s office)

Diana Ayala
(Council Speaker’s office)

GUESTS:

Louis Bailey
Brooke Wallace
Wendy Ferreira
Raymond Ferreira
Raffaela Dunne
Leyla Barreth
Melody Capote
Catherine Mortiere
Monty Muken
Paul Dawkins
Althea Belton
Kathy Benson
Ricardo Conception
Miladis Flores
M. Smith
Emily Parkey
Clement James
Shakira A. Henderson
Kala Leon
Nicole Lewis
Ana Chireno
Betty Alvarez
Martha Kenton
Monica Escobar
Julius Tajiddin
Alexander Bossy
Jesenia Angeles
Nellis Dirlisme
Daby Carreras

Pre-registered Institutions, Groups, and Individuals

Kathy Benson, 106th Street Holiday Tree – Thanked the Board for their support of the 106th Street Holiday Tree Lighting. The 13th Annual lighting is taking place on Friday, December 2nd @ 6:30 pm at Franklin Plaza. There will also be the 2nd annual giant 3D snowflake.

Julius Tajiddin – Talked about the East Harlem re-zoning and enlisting the aid of adjacent community boards in fighting battles with the creation of a coalition. Spoke about the “feat of Trump”, how the re-zoning was designed to push people out, how gentrification violates the Fair Housing Act and the Voting Rights Act.

Catherine Mortiere, 105th Street – Member of a coalition of residents with concerns about the Harlem Tutorial Play Street permit granted without offering residents an opportunity to weigh in. She also expressed that information was falsified and misleading. She expressed concerns about the permit and was asking for the process to start over with a re-vote from the committee and a vote from the entire board.

Clement James, FDNY – Asst. Dir. Of Community Affairs James announced that for the holiday season the FDNY is providing fire safety cooking initiative and will be tabling at events on November 21st & 23rd. During questions, he stated that any group or organization can contact him for the tabling. He also indicated that fire and safety workshops regarding tree lights and candle safety are offered by the FDNY. The District Manager informed Mr. James that the board office is in need of batteries. Contact info. clement.james@fdny.nyc.gov , w-718-999-1460, c-347-628-4328

Raffaella Dunham, ArchCare / Terence Cardinal Cooke Health Care Center – TCC is located at 1249 5th Avenue between 105th & 106th streets at Madison & 5th. Spoke on behalf of TCC and read from a statement. She stated that she was there to talk about the impact of the East Harlem re-zoning plan on the site specifically. In her statement, she indicated that she was deeply concerned that the plan does not address TCC’s needs to modernize and expand long-term healthcare delivery. She wanted the board’s support and was urging City Planning to include the TCC campus in the re-zoning. She discussed that their three building do not meet modern healthcare needs and the goal is to re-develop the site with updates and to become a modernized healthcare facility. She pointed out that the repositioning was only through the re-zoning plan, however, last month Dept. of City Planning changed the re-zoning boundaries and it was a significant and sudden change affecting TCC. She urged DCP to re-think this change.

Brooke Wallace, East Harlem Scholars Academy – Addressed the comments about Play Street-stating that residents should have had fair warning, that the no parking signage was for resident not to be ticketed, that students did not have adequate outdoor space, and the students did not have other parks to utilize. In response to questions she stated that clarification was needed from the FDNY about the fire designation of the street. Board Member Morales commented about the collection of signatures on the petition not being relevant and expressed her concern regarding this. In response, the Board Chair pointed out that this had been discussed on numerous occasions and that the committee/board erred in not being more diligent in reviewing and accepting the petitions. She stated that the permit was for the school year and after the year the board could take a closer look.

Elected Official Reports

Terrell Brock, State Senator Jose Serrano’s office – Made mention of the Senator’s off-site constituent hours and that there will be a focus on resident’s rights as tenants with the office working w/HRA and Manhattan Legal Services.

Van Parrish, Assemblyman Rodriguez's office – Introduced himself as the new Chief of Staff at the Assemblyman's office. He expressed that he looked forward to working with everyone and wanted to learn from the community.

Councilmember Ben Kallos – The Councilmember made mention of that individuals may be feeling disempowered by recent events but the board is the best community board in the city and individuals should continue to be involved in the community board. He indicated that individuals need to fight and fight because it's the right thing to do. He then announced the following: Automatic benefits, thanked CB11 firefighters for their work in CB8 at the 93rd Street fire, free in-home installation of fire alarms/carbon monoxide alarms, amnesty period of forgiving fines until Dec 12th, bus turnaround nyc – working to improve service, Lexington Houses free turkey giveaway, and NY common pantry for free food. He made mention that we should expect news regarding how they will be looking at trucks and double-parking.

In response to a question from Board member Santiago about enforcement – Councilmember Kallos stated that he should bring information to the executive officer at the community council meetings.

In response to a question from Board member Quinones about a previously mentioned policy issue of utilizing NYCHA facilities for the arts – Councilmember Kallos talked about City Spaces involving the use of unused city spaces for the arts or culture or for the public to sit around and enjoy. He stated as an example the use of City council spaces when not in use. He stated the program was expanded to NYCHA for use of community spaces within those developments.

Diana Ayala, Speakers office – Announced the Nov. 17th Community Forum on Re-Zoning taking place at Taino Towers, Co-sponsored public workshop on La Marqueta on Nov 21st at Johnson Houses, and the Puerto Rican Heritage event on Nov 30th at City Hall.

Manhattan Borough President's Report

Yissely Ortiz, Community Liaison – Reiterated the importance of attendance at the Re-Zoning Community Forum taking place on Nov 17th, the SAPO street fair work was rescinded, the MBP had a forum on homelessness at 24th St., DSNY is revamping how commercial garbage is removed and its frequency, the leadership trainings continue, the Puerto Rican Heritage is Nov 16th at the Gallery, Nov 29th capital grant information workshop for schools, Nov 30th capital grants information workshop for non-profits, Nov 21st memorial for Maggie Peyton. With regard to Maggie Peyton Board member Quinones expressed sorrow at her death and stated how she was instrumental in supporting the cultural arts infrastructure in East Harlem and she spoke of her level of commitment.

Business Session

Roll Call- Jewel Jones, Secretary

Adoption of the Agenda dated November 15, 2016 – Motion to adopt by John Green, seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.

Approval of Board Minutes dated October 18, 2016 - Motion to approve by Jonathan Winstone, seconded by Frances Mastrotta and passed with one abstention (J. Villanueva).

Chair's Report – Diane Collier - Motion to approve by Carlos Diaz, seconded by Steve Villanueva and passed unanimously.

District Manager's Report – Angel Mescaín – Motion to approve by Nilsa Orama, seconded by Edwin Marcial and passed unanimously.

Officers Reports

1. Vice Chair Report – Debbie Quiñones – Discussed that she was looking internally at the functioning of the board, she thanked by-laws committee, was looking at policy initiatives, discussed her observations of committees and expressed coming together and both members and leadership being prepared, discussed committees doing legislative visits, that committees be functioning committees, and she stated that she is available for the membership.
2. Secretary’s Report - Jewel Jones – Per usual, I stated that members be mindful of the attendance roster. I stated that there was an update to the attendance roster due to an e-mail sent by a member to the Chair’s attention and after some investigation a correction was made.
3. Treasurer’s Report - Marissa Mack – Written report in the packet. Stated that a part was left out of the packet and would be sent out to the membership. She stated that the budget has been updated. She also stated that she has plans of meeting with treasurers of other community boards.

Action Items & Committee Reports

Licenses & Permits

Liquor Licenses

	<u>Action/ License</u>	<u>License #</u>	<u>Applicant/ DBA</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>License Specs/Change s</u>	<u>Committee Recommends</u>	<u>Motion</u>
1.	Renewal / EB	1269778	Mildred Deli Grocery Inc	231 East 116th Street, New York, NY 10029	Renewal	Conditional Approval – conditions met	Alvin Johnson made a motion to support renewal of this license. The motion was seconded by Amie Kiros-Petrucci and passed unanimously.
2.	Renewal / OP	1263032	117th Apple, LLC d/b/a Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar	509-513 East 117th Street, NY, NY 10035	Renewal	Approval	Alvin Johnson made a motion to support the application of 117th Apple LLC d/b/a Applebee’s Neighborhood Grill & Bar to renew a license, to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at restaurant located at 509-513 East 117th St (Pleasant Ave). The motion was seconded by Amie Kiros-Petrucci and passed unanimously.
	Renewal / OP	1207067)	Spaha Lounge Inc.	1634 Lexington Ave. Store D, NY, NY 10029	Renewal	Approval	Alvin Johnson made a motion to support the application of Spaha Lounge Inc. to renew a license to serve liquor, wine, beer and

3.							cider at a restaurant located at 1634 Lexington Avenue, The motion was seconded by Amie Kiros-Petrucci and passed unanimously.
4.	New / OP	n/a	La Fonda Restaurant and Tapas Bar Inc.	Restaurant located at 169 East 106th Street, New York, NY 10029	New	Approval	Alvin Johnson made a motion to support the application of La Fonda Restaurant and Tapas Bar Inc. for a new license to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider at restaurant located at 169 East 106th Street (Third Avenue). The motion was seconded by Amie Kiros-Petrucci and passed unanimously.
5.	Renewal / OP	1246876	Rustbucket Inc.d/b/a The Duck	2171 2nd Avenue. New York, NY 10029	Renewal	Conditional Approval – conditions <u>not</u> met	Adem Brija made a motion to deny the application of Rustbucket Inc d/b/a as The Duck, to renew a license to serve liquor, wine beer and cider. The motion was seconded by Frances Mastrota and passed with one abstention (Rahman) and one opposed (Winstone).
6.	New / OP	n/a	Dos Amigos Restaurant Group LLC.	137 East 116th Street, New York, NY 10029	New	Approval – stipulation to not serve liquor before 12:00pm on weekdays	Nilsa Orama made a motion to support the application of Dos Amigos Restaurant Group Inc. for a new license to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider with the stipulation that the liquor will not be served before noon on weekdays. The motion was seconded by Carlos Diaz and passed unanimously.
	Class Change	1282055	Mar Carioca Inc.	1469 5th Avenue, New York, NY 10035	Class Change from Wine & Beer to Full Liquor	Deny – applicant did not attend meeting or	Motion to deny by Candy Vives-Vasquez, seconded by Emily Grajales. Motion

7.					License	provide necessary documents	Passed
8.	Renewal / OP	1260658	Overtime 1st Avenue Corp. d/b/a Prime One 16 E. Harlem NYC	2257 1st Avenue, New York, NY 10029	Renewal	Approval	Vinny Torres made a motion to support the application to renew a license to sell liquor, wine, beer and cider. The motion was seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.

Economic Development, Culture & Tourism

9. Jonathan Winstone made a motion to issue a letter of support to urge all relevant agencies to move urgently and decisively to enable the Caribbean Cultural Center (CCCADI) to begin programming at their 125th Firehouse location. Motion 2nd by Adem Brija and passed with one present/not voting (Quinones).

Edwin Marcial made a motion to approve the committee minutes which was seconded by Carlos Diaz and passed.

Environment, Open Space & Parks

10. Jason Villanueva made a motion for a letter of support to the Public Design Commission for the 114th Street East River Esplanade reconstruction proposal (Phase I), with a request for review of durable salt-tolerant plants and water access, minimizing the slope of the berm, as well as consideration of curvature and texture of highway barrier to reflect sound waves away from school and residential uses. The motion was seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.

Vinny Torres made a motion to approve the committee minutes which was seconded by Lilybelle Gonzalez and passed.

Housing

11. Candy Vives-Vasquez made a motion to approve the committee minutes which was seconded by Jeremiah Schlotman and passed with one abstaining (Alston).

Land Use, Landmarks & Planning

12. Motion made by Nilsa Orama to issue a letter of support for the Hecksher building for the east elevation, north wing window replacement. The motion was seconded by Holley Drakeford and passed unanimously.

Holley Drakeford made a motion to approve the committee minutes which was seconded by Nilsa Orama and passed.

Approval of Committee Reports

Carlos Diaz made a motion to approve the following committee reports as a matter of record:

Bylaws, Office Oversight, Youth & Education, and Public Safety & Transportation. The motion was seconded by Edwin Marcial and passed unanimously.

Old Business

1. A motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities was made by Brodie Enoch, seconded by Alex Kohen and passed unanimously.

New Business

1. A motion was made by Adem Brija to support the application of MD Karim to establish a new newsstand at the northwest corner of 96th Street and Third Avenue. The motion was seconded by Nilsa Orama and passed with two opposed (Goldbloom, Mastrota).
2. A motion was made by Jewel Jones to approve the draft resolution regarding the reallocation of Home funds. The motion was seconded by Xavier Santiago and passed unanimously.

Announcements

- Brodie congratulated Beverly on her retirement
- Jonathan reiterated the December 15th Scoping Meeting & made mention of the By-Laws
- Jose announced that it was Angel's birthday
- Alvin announced the Nov 19th NAN housing forum
- Candy announced the Dec. 8th Banco Popular grand opening
- Debbie announced the Nov 1th East Harlem/El Barrio coquito's master's qualifier at Camaradas
- Angel stated that the materials for the EH Re-Zoning are on our website
- Angel stated that each month we travel to spaces for our full board meetings and we should be good hosts by leaving our full board meetings the same way as we find them and picking up after ourselves.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Mahfuzur Rahman and seconded by John Green. The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Jewel Jones, Secretary

Appendix

January – November 2016 Attendance