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### Youth and Education Committee Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 6:00 PM Board Office

#### \*\*\*Minutes\*\*\*

Present: Yolanda Brown, Elsie Encarnacion, David Giordano (Chair), Lilybelle Gonzalez, John Green, Wendy Hewlett, Peggy Morales, Nilsa Orama, Mahfuzur Rahman, Jeremiah Schlotman, Chandra Smith, Jason Villanueva

Absent: none

Excused: none

Guests: Madai Velez, DA's office; Pao Dawkins, NYSOM; Irfan Ahmed, Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC; Toya Williford, Mayors Fund to Advance NYC; Angel Mescain (staff)

1. Call to Order– Adoption of Agenda

2. Presentations & Discussions

a. New York City Soccer Initiative at P.S. 83 and PS 182

Irfan Ahmed, Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC, Toya Williford, Mayor's Fund to Advance NYC and Alex Bard, U.S. Soccer Foundation present on 5 year plan to build and maintain 50 acrylic mini soccer play spaces. (See attached presentation)

There are partners to help identify spaces to use for this initiative: NYC Parks, NYC Housing Authority and NYC DOE.

Asking for community assistance with identifying other underutilized spaces for initiatives. Programing runs around the school year. If the mini soccer play space is located at a school the accessibility during summer months for the community would be determined by the principal. The majority of the sites are park department sites or joint operating sites. It was asked if PS 83 and PS 182 are open to give access to the space during summer months. It was also discussed that privately funded projects outlive administrations.

Letter of support for the program and impact it can have was requested.

**Nilsa Orama made a motion to support the NYC Soccer Initiative as creating pitches in East Harlem and within our local schools in designated areas to enrich and enhance the health of the community residents. We are supporting this initiative but we are urging that as sites are identified that they are sites that are open to community residents to enhance the overall health of the community. Motion was seconded by Wendy Hewlett. Jason Villanueva abstained. Motion Passed.**

- b. Committee discussion on Draft Scope of Work for proposed East Harlem Rezoning

Recommended comments:

**EIS must improve the formula to reflect actual numbers of seats that would be needed.**

The committee agreed to include the recommendations George Janes on the questions of calculating school seat generation, as explained in his testimony on the proposed 126<sup>th</sup> Street Bus Depot Redevelopment Project (see attached). Key excerpts below:

“Upper Manhattan produces more than twice as many school-aged children per unit as the Manhattan Core. By averaging upper Manhattan and the Manhattan Core together, CEQR uses a generation rate that is wrong for both places: underestimating the number of school-aged children in upper Manhattan and overestimating the number of school-aged children in the Manhattan Core.

The environmental review for the East 126th Street project cannot use the student generation rates found in the Technical Manual because they are incorrect. The NYCEDC should evaluate the project’s impacts using student generation rates that recognize that Manhattan Core and upper Manhattan produce school children at different rates.

Therefore, at minimum, the East 126th Street EIS should use the rates shown on the prior page for Upper Manhattan, and the Draft Scope of Work should be amended to instruct the use of these rates, and accompanied by a discussion of why the rates in the CEQR Technical Manual are not being used. Alternatively, the East 126th Street EIS could develop estimates based on Reasonable Worst Case unit mixes for the project. Longer-term, the NYEDC may wish to work with other New York City agencies, such and the School Construction Authority, the Department of Education on making changes to the school generation method in CEQR that recognizes that child generation in new buildings is dynamic, changing as buildings age.”

**EIS must include an assessment of the number of students being served by schools located in Manhattan Community District 11 (CD11).**

This assessment must include a report which provides a detailed accounting of the number of students served by schools located within CD11, and include the total number of students by the zip code in which they reside.

**School Facilities**

The EIS must include a study of the current state of repair of all school buildings located within CD11. A detailed report should be produced which includes information of necessary infrastructure repairs and improvements, an assessment on the number of full sized classrooms, the number and size of all recreation, assembly, laboratory, administrative, guidance, and lunchroom spaces all school facilities.

3. New Business

4. Old Business

- a. Youth Metro Cards Resolution- Mahfuzur Rahman presented on resolution (see attached form). He reported on changes made to previous working document which include the addition of a request of metro cards for college students and expansion of effective times: 5:30 am – 9:30 pm with a 30 min grace period.

David Giordano (Committee Chair) reminded all members that this is the beginning of the process. A petition should come with the resolution in order to engage youth and families involved. Should it be passed, next month's discussions will include tasks to move forward with the resolution. Davis also requested all members think of other resolutions to work on as a group or as individuals for the New Year.

**Peggy Morales made a motion to approve the draft Youth MetroCards Resolution, which was seconded by Wendy Hewlett and passed unanimously.**

5. Announcements

- a. East Harlem Rezoning

The NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) will hold a public scoping meeting related to the proposed East Harlem Rezoning on Thursday, December 15, 2016, Two Sessions – 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the Silberman School of Social Work Building, located at 2180 Third Avenue, NY, NY 10035. Written comments on the Draft Scope of Work will be accepted by DCP until close of business on Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

- b. By-Laws - Nilsa Orama made an announcement that everyone should have received the packages with the by-laws; members who have not received should please notify Alex and Angel. All members were asked to please read the by-laws.
- c. David Giordano reported on the meeting with Chancellor Farina with community board representatives. Discussed the impact that the rezoning and overcrowding of schools. Discussed the concern of the quantity of children attending school in the district from other communities. Example 60 % of children from CPE I are not from the community. There is no plan on building new schools in the district. DOE needs to take a look at the schools' reading, overcrowding, and basic needs.
- d. Wendy Hewlett asked for Committee to start a relationship with ACS; possibly invite them over to a committee meeting to discuss community concerns and recommendations and opportunities for collaboration.
- e. Mahfuzur Rahman- Family Engagement event Dec 17<sup>th</sup>
- f. Pao Dawkins (NYSOM) - New York State of Mind – Holiday Event on Saturday December 17<sup>th</sup> 3 – 6 pm at Children's Aid Society- Gift giveaway and surprises - all are invited
- g. Madai Velez (DA's office) – Presentation regarding District Attorney's office current focus on hate crimes. A list of presentations related to hate crimes was provided. RFP available for foster services for youth aging out of foster care. For more information please visit [cjii.org](http://cjii.org)

## 6. Adjournment

**Wendy Hewlett made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jason Villanueva and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.**