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Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 11, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** Minutes *****

Present: Adem Brija, Judith Febbraro, David Giordano, Lilybelle Gonzalez, Nilsa Orama, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman, Candy Vives-Vasquez, Jason Villanueva, Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: Marissa Mack, Ryan Sheffield, Shantal Sparks

Absent: Jose Altamirano, Melanee Farrah, Steven Villanueva

Guests: Diane Malukah Pinkston, Laneisha Greaves

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:44 pm by Chair Nilsa Orama.
- Quorum was achieved at 7:10 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

- A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Xavier Santiago at 7:15pm and was seconded by Lilybelle Gonzalez. The motion passed

3. Announcements

- Nilsa announced the upcoming November 1 Charter townhall being organized by CB 8 as an educational Forum. Elected officials, members of the Charter Revision Committee and others will be invited to discuss the Proposed Charter revisions and in particular the ballot proposals. All community boards have been asked to support the effort to educate the public on the upcoming ballot proposals; these three proposals include the creation of a civic engagement commission, Campaign Finance reform and Term limits for Community Boards.
- Xavier announced that the "Beyond Sims" Community Conversation will be held on October 20, from 1-3:30pm at the New York Academy of Medicine at 1215 5th Avenue.
- Jeremiah announced that another Housing Forum will be held on November 29 at the Museum of the City of New York. He mentioned that the forum will look to broaden the conversation about affordable housing and economic security. A flyer is forthcoming.

- Jeremiah also mentioned that the Help Center of the Harlem Community Justice Center will be having a workshop on October 24 from 2:30-3:30 that will give an overview of the court process and the different court proceedings.

4. Discussions & Presentations

a. Committee Updates:

- Housing-Jeremiah spoke about the upcoming forum. He also spoke about the rat and mold problems and mentioned that the committee is working with Taft Tenant Association President Beverly MacFarlane on these issues. He also mentioned that he had visited with the Tenant Association President of Upaca 6.
- Human Services-Lilybelle spoke about the “Archive” project and that they will have a national design competition in planning outdoor space for seniors. She mentioned that the committee emphasized local hiring. She also spoke about the “Spirit of Service” annual event and the reassessment of the effectiveness of the event. A survey monkey was created tailored for CBO’s to get feedback. She mentioned that because youth attended the event last year, that there is a potential to partner with the Youth and Education Committee to gain a wider audience.
- Youth and Education-David stated that a major focus this year will be the development of the Youth Taskforce which will meet before the Youth and Education Committee meetings. The committee is reviewing and revising the original concept developed by former board member Joshua Watkins. He also stated that follow up was done with school principals and that the committee will invite the School Construction Authority to talk about upcoming/status of projects.
- Economic Development-Committee member Candy spoke about Placeful presenting to the committee about La Marqueta, the Points of Agreement and gave update on the “Friends of La Marqueta” organization.
- LandUse-there was a discussion regarding the Potamkin site as the permanent M11 Sanitation garage location as a way to ascertain the thoughts of the committee members.
- District Needs-the District Needs and Budget will be voted on at the full board meeting being held October 16. Angel mentioned that he had heard from 2 board members with comments. He mentioned the importance of having a document that is backed up by research and quantitative data and accurately reflects community needs.
- Xavier mentioned the importance of all committees “staying on brand” for effectiveness.

b. Review of Full board agenda Items

- A review of all upcoming full board agenda items was done.

c. Charter Revision Taskforce

- Nilsa mentioned that although she had mentioned tasking the Executive Committee to review and comment on the Charter, because the Chairs are working on different initiatives, she will instead be forming a separate Charter Revision Taskforce.

d. Second Avenue Subway Taskforce

- A separate Second Avenue Subway Taskforce will be formed with community stakeholders, board members and other boards that have been affected by/or will be affected by the Second Avenue Subway.

e. Fiscal Year 2020 Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities

- Jason reiterated that the board will vote on the revised Statement of District Needs and Budget priorities at the next full board.

5. Old Business

- Angel mentioned that the idea of a moratorium has again been brought up by a community member.
- Candy mentioned that CB 11 had done a moratorium many years ago and suggested that we review it to help inform a potential new one.
- Nilsa mentioned that it is important that we have a clear understanding of the different services offered in our community so that we can advocate accordingly. Although a moratorium may not be enforceable, it is important to go on the record if that is what the board feels. She stated that she will start doing research to get the data needed in order to discuss fully.

6. New Business

- Angel mentioned that a Diversion Center will be opened on 116th Street and will have 19 beds. The focus of this center will not be substance abuse treatment but working with individuals with mental health/substance issues and the criminal justice system.
- Nilsa mentioned that she spoke with Neighborhood Coordination Officers King, Pagan and Henry as they were concerned about the needle exchanges and the discarded needles on 110 and 111th Street and Lexington Avenue as they were near a school. Nilsa mentioned to them that she had gone to a meeting with the different community stakeholders at Councilwoman Ayala's office. The CBO in charge of the needle exchange program was in attendance; they mentioned that although they go back as they are able to pick up the discards, they are not funded to have staff to do that function. Different possibilities were discussed to tackle this problem.
- Judith mentioned that D.O.T. was doing milling/paving work near her residence and that it is important that they notify the community residents regarding upcoming work. Angel mentioned that the Community Board always gets notified. Jason suggested that board members should go out post notices and speak to those affected. After discussion, it was decided to put all notifications on the "Announcements" page of the CB 11 website.

7. Adjournment

- A motion to adjourn was made by Lilybelle Gonzalez and was seconded by Candy Vives-Vasquez. The meeting was adjourned.