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Nilsa Orama
Chair

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Executive Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** MINUTES *****

Present: Melanee Farrah, Judith Febbraro, Alex Kohen, Nilsa Orama
Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman, Ryan Sheffield, Shantal Sparks, Candy
Vives-Vasquez, Jason Villanueva, Steven Villanueva, Angel Mescain (Staff)

Excused: Adem Brija, David Giordano, Ryan Sheffield

Absent: Jose Altamirano, Lilybelle Gonzalez, Marissa Mack

Guests: Lauren Edmonds, Columbia University, Amir Bar-on, Columbia University

1. Call to Order

Chair Nilsa Orama called the meeting to order at 6:45pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Melanee Farrah. The motion was seconded by Xavier Santiago. The motion passed.

3. Announcements

- Nilsa welcomed back Candy Vives-Vasquez to the board.
- Melanee mentioned she had meet with her committee and that every member of the Economic Development Committee will be attending 4 meetings of various community projects to ensure connectivity with the community.
- Nilsa mentioned the "Friends of La Marqueta" group that has been formed and mentioned that EDC has released a pamphlet regarding the Marqueta. She mentioned that she is looking for the Economic Development committee to participate when the group is fully formed and allows for community attendance. Melanee mentioned that there is already a committee member who has committed to attend Marqueta meetings.

- Nilsa mentioned the busy summer and all the events that she and Xavier attended. She encouraged all present to review the calendar and attend events next year.
- Xavier mentioned that he would be posting photos on Facebook and will share with all. He also mentioned that he took notes from the NYCHA Tenant Association Presidents for followup.
- Nilsa mentioned that the Sanitation Garage Advisory Board is meeting quarterly as well as the NYCHA Roundtable meetings with the relevant agencies in order to solve ongoing issues. Nilsa and Xavier attended the last meeting held.
- Nilsa mentioned the various street renaming that occurred during the summer including the 111st Old Timers on 111th and 5th Avenue and 9/11 Firefighter William E. Woodlon on 118th Street and Park Avenue.
- Nilsa mentioned the status of the Children’s Aid sale and that Mount Sinai may be interested in being on that site. She mentioned that Children’s Aid had been holding forums throughout the summer to engage the community.
- A presentation regarding the Second Avenue Subway will be held at the Full Board meeting.
- A public hearing will be held regarding the Fiscal Year 2020 Statement of District Needs and Budget priorities at the Full Board meeting.

4. Discussions & Presentations

a. Second Avenue Subway Supplemental Environmental Assessment

The Chair mentioned that the MTA had a community forum regarding the Environmental Assessment and concerns were shared by community residents and other stakeholders. She also stated that although the deadline to comment had passed while the board was on break, that the MTA stated that they would accept all comments submitted.

Nilsa mentioned her concerns about the large footprint, the ancillary buildings and their effect on existing housing. Xavier echoed the concern about losing affordable housing.

The Chair encouraged all Committees to review the copy of the Second Avenue Subway Supplemental Environmental Assessment in the office and submit comments regarding their concerns.

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

Budget Chair Jason Villanueva thanked all the Committee Chairs that met over the summer to review their committee “asks” and the responses given in order to update the Statement of District Needs and Budget priorities. Angel mentioned that this summer, was the best of all in terms of budget consultations and having committees meet. He mentioned that the City agencies were very receptive and we had thoughtful conversations.

A public hearing on Fiscal Year 2020 at the next Full Board meeting and public comments would inform the submission.

c. Charter Revision

i. Mayor's 2018 Charter Revision Commission

The Chair spoke about the Mayor's 2018 Charter Revision Commission and asked all present to review the documents she had sent. She mentioned that the Mayor's Commission has specific recommendations regarding Community Boards, term limits, appointments and the importance of maintaining institutional knowledge. She also mentioned the proposed recommendations of assigning planners to the board; Xavier Santiago mentioned the importance of reading the proposed suggestions regarding Land use items and the ULURP process.

ii. NYC 2019 Council Charter Revision Committee

The City Council has formed a Charter Revision Committee for recommendations to be presented next year. The Borough Presidents have each appointed a representative to serve on the committee. Jim Caras has been appointed as the representative for the Manhattan Borough President.

The City Council will sponsor public hearings beginning September 2018.

The CB11 Executive Committee will be working on reviewing the proposed changes and making recommendations. The entire board will be requested to give feedback.

5. Old Business

- Nilsa asked the Committee's thoughts regarding the schedule that was adopted in September; everyone thought the schedule was working fine and allowed for extra time to work on other things.

6. New Business

- Angel mentioned that the October schedule has been set.
- The Committee reviewed the proposed Full Board agenda and the action items for completion. Shantal suggested that we simplify how we present action items and it may not be necessary to see who made a motion to approve and second. Melanee mentioned the need to be careful in being proscriptive in how to do things and it may make sense for some committees to keep in who made a motion and who approved.
- The Committee reviewed the Licenses and Permits Stipulation Form that they would like to adopt using. Angel Mescaïn mentioned that this was the first he had seen this.
- Landuse Chair Steven Villanueva announced the review of the Property Checklist and invited other committees particularly Eco.Dev and Housing to participate in this process as a working group.
- Alex Kohen mentioned that due to work responsibilities, he has no choice but to resign at the end of the month. At that time, Judith Febraro will become the Secretary and a

special election will be held to fill the Assistant Secretary position for the duration of the term.

7. Adjournment

Quorum was lost at 8:00 pm and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.