



# COMMUNITY BOARD ELEVEN

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Nilsa Orama  
Chair

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**Full Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Terrence Cardinal Cooke Medical Center**  
**1249 Fifth Avenue**

**\*\*\* Minutes \*\*\***

**Members Present (37):**

Jarquay Abdullah  
Jose Altamirano  
Adem Brija  
Yolanda Brown  
Diane Collier  
Carlos Diaz  
Holley Drakeford  
Elsie Encarnacion  
Melanee Farrah  
Judith Febraro  
Henry Flores  
David Giordano  
Joseph Goldbloom  
Lilybelle Gonzalez  
John Green  
Jada Heredia  
Adriane Mack  
Edwin Marcial  
Frances Mastrota  
Malik McCullough  
Jeffrey Monteiro  
Nilsa Orama  
Mahfuzur Rahman  
Dawn Sanders  
Xavier Santiago  
Jeremiah Schlotman  
Ryan Sheffield  
Shawn Smith  
Shantal Sparks  
Vincent Torres  
Jenny Tromski  
Jason Villanueva  
Steven Villanueva

Jonathan Winstone

Davon Woodley  
Jason Wu  
Jesse Yang

**Excused (8):**

Huma Ashraf  
LaShawn Henry  
Alex Kohen  
Tabatha Lozano  
Marissa Mack  
Robert Perkins  
Celia Ramirez  
Candy Vives-Vasquez

**Absent (3)**

Emily Grajales  
Jean-Pierre Kamwa  
Amie Kiros-Petrucci

**Elected Officials:**

Stephanie Arroyo  
*(Councilmember Ayala's office)*

Nicholas Reyes  
*(NYS Assemblymember Robert Rodriguez's Office)*

Sandy Navas *(NYS Senator Brian Benjamin's Office)*

Terrell Brock  
*(NYS Senator Jose Serrano's Office)*

Tirso Tavarez  
*(Councilmember Ben Kallos' Office)*

Nina Saxon  
*(NYC Comptroller's Office)*

Lucille Songhai  
*(Manhattan Borough President's Office)*

**Guests:**

El Ruby Thomas  
Ana Parks  
Martiza Owens  
Noel Alicea  
Lydia Guerrero- Barlow  
Faith Arimoro  
Kelechi Kwali  
Vladimir Campbell  
Kayla Jaechel  
Martina Garcia  
Lorenz Skeeter  
Tanya Phelp  
Yolanda McBride  
Kimber Bogard  
Russel Shuler  
Robert Anazagasti  
Emily Parkey

I. Call to Order

- a. Nilsa Orama called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. She introduced the pre-registered speakers.

II. Public Session

a. Pre-Registered Speakers

- i. Anna Park, Harlem Health Advocacy – The speaker discussed the various programs and outreach
- ii. Maritza Owens, Harvest Home Farmers Market – The speaker made a plea to the board to reconsider its position on the farmer’s market from being a sidewalk only permit to a full street closure
- iii. Noel Alicea, Metropolitan Hospital – The speaker discussed the highlights of the past month off of Metropolitan Hospital’s newsletter

b. Elected Officials and Agency Representatives

- i. Councilmember Ben Kallos
- ii. Stephanie Arroyo, Office of New York City Councilmember Diana Ayala
- iii. Nina Saxon, Office of New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer
- iv. Michelle Booker, Office of Congressman Adriano Espaillat
- v. Terrell Brock, Office of New York State Senator Jose Serrano
- vi. Nicholas Reyes, Office of New York State Assemblymember Robert Rodriguez
- vii. Sandy Navas, Office of New York State Senator Brian Benjamin
- viii. Tirso Tavarez, Office of New York City Councilmember Ben Kallos
- ix. Lucille Songhai, Office of the Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer

III. Business Session

a. Roll Call

- i. A quorum of the body was present and attendance is as indicated in these minutes.

b. Adoption of the Agenda

- i. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the as-distributed agenda was made by John Green and seconded by Henry Flores. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Approval of the Board Minutes

- i. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the full board meeting from April 17, 2018 as amended to note Adriane Mack as “excused” was made by Frances Mastrota and seconded by Holley Drakeford. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.

d. Chair’s Report

- i. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the report of the Chair of CB11 as-distributed and upon presentation was made by Edwin Marcial and seconded by Yolanda Brown. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. District Manager’s Report

- i. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the report of the District Manager of CB11 as-distributed and upon presentation was made by Steven Villanueva and seconded by Shantal Sparks. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.

f. Officer Reports

- i. Xavier Santiago provided a report for informational purposes.
- ii. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the report of the Vice-Chair as presented and as-distributed was made by John Green and seconded by Jarquay Abdullah. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.

g. Committee Reports and Action Items

- i. Office Oversight

1. Committee Chair Shantal Sparks reported the minutes of the April 19, 2018 Office Oversight Committee meeting will be submitted at the June Full Board meeting.
- ii. Executive
  1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Executive Committee as-distributed was made by Carlos Diaz and seconded by Malik Mccollough. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- iii. Housing
  1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Housing Committee as-distributed was made by Carlos Diaz and seconded by Jeffrey Montiero. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- iv. Public Safety & Transportation
  1. **Motion:** A motion to approve speed bump on 114th Street between First Avenue and Pleasant Avenue was made by Judith Febbraro and seconded by Adem Brija. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  2. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Public Safety & Transportation Committee as-distributed was made by Judith Febbraro and seconded by Adem Brija. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- v. Licenses & Permits
  1. Liquor Licenses
    - a. Ricardo LLC d/b/a Ricardo Steakhouse.
      - i. Applicant sought to renew a full liquor license (LL#1145057) for a restaurant located at 2145 Second Avenue, New York, NY 10029
      - ii. **Motion:** A motion to approve by Malik McCullough and seconded by Henry Flores. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
    - b. El Nuevo Sandy Restaurant Inc.
      - i. Applicant sought to renew a wine, beer & cider license (LL#1263294) for a restaurant located at 2261 2nd Ave. New York, NY 10035.
      - ii. **Motion:** A motion to approve by Malik McCullough and seconded by Henry Flores. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
    - c. East Harlem Restaurant Corp.
      - i. Applicant sought a new full liquor license (LL#N/A) for a restaurant located 88 East 111th Street. New York, NY 10029
      - ii. **Motion:** A motion to approve by Malik McCullough seconded by Henry Flores. Motion passed by voice vote with one present not voting (Jonathan Winstone)
    - d. Shomara Inc. d/b/a Mojitos.
      - i. Applicant sought to renew application a full liquor license (LL#1149370) for a restaurant located at 227 E. 116th St., New York, NY 10029
      - ii. **Motion:** A motion to approve by Malik McCullough and seconded by Henry Flores. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
    - e. Mi Abuelita Restaurant Corp.

- i. Applicant sought to renew a full liquor license (LL#1201833) for a restaurant located at 2270 2nd Avenue, New York, NY 10035
    - ii. **Motion:** A motion to approve by Malik McCullough and seconded by Henry Flores. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - f. Kallejon Corp. d/b/a El Kallejon.
    - i. Applicant sought to renew of a full liquor license (LL#1289830) for a restaurant located at 209 East 117th St. New York, NY 10035.
    - ii. **Motion:** A motion to approve by Malik McCullough and seconded by Henry Flores. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 2. Street Activity Permits
  - a. Back to School Health Fair Festival
    - i. Single Block Festival #400618
    - ii. October 7, 2018 10am-5pm (Set up 8am-10am) & (Break Down 5pm-6pm)
    - iii. East 116<sup>th</sup> bet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s)
    - iv. Applicant: Martina Garcia
    - v. Sponsor: Hispanic Community Organization for Life
    - vi. **Motion:** A motion to approve Single Block Festival #400618 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - b. Community Health Fair – #399061
    - i. June 16, 2018 10am-6pm (Set up 8am-10am & Break Down 6pm-8pm)
    - ii. East 128<sup>th</sup> St. bet Park and Madison Ave(s)
    - iii. Applicant: Brenda Nelson
    - iv. Sponsor: New Springfield MB Church of Harlem
    - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Community Health Fair – #399061 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - c. A Healthy You
    - i. Health Fair #400474
    - ii. July 21, 2018 10am-6pm (Set Up 8am-10am & Break Down 6pm-8pm)
    - iii. East 123<sup>rd</sup> St. bet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s)
    - iv. Applicant: Swann Streety
    - v. Sponsor: Chambers Memorial for Social Change
    - vi. **Motion:** A motion to approve Health Fair #400474 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
  - d. JungleGym 2018 Summer Series
    - i. A NYC DOT Weekend Walks Event #400813
    - ii. July 7, 2018 11am-3pm (Set Up 8am-11am & Break Down 3pm-5pm)
    - iii. East 116<sup>th</sup> St. Bet. Lexington & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave(s)

- iv. Applicant: Mac Levine
- v. Sponsor: NYCDOT Weekend Walks – Kyle Gorman
- vi. **Motion:** A motion to approve DOT Weekend Walks Event #400813 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- e. JungleGym 2018 Summer Series: A NYC DOT Weekend Walks Event #400817
  - i. July 14, 21, 28, 2018 & August 11, 2018 11am-3pm (Set Up 8am-11am & Break Down 3pm-5pm)
  - ii. East 115<sup>th</sup> St. bet Park and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s).
  - iii. Applicant: Mac Levine
  - iv. Sponsor: NYCDOT Weekend Walks – Kyle Gorman
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve DOT Weekend Walks Event #400817 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- f. 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Old-Timers Reunion on 101<sup>st</sup> St. Stickball #400885
  - i. August 4, 2018 9:30am-5:30pm (Set Up 9am-9:30am & Break Down 5:30pm-6pm)
  - ii. East 101<sup>st</sup> bet. Lexington and Park Ave (s)
  - iii. Applicant: John Rosario
  - iv. Sponsor: Margarita Colon
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Stickball Event #400885 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- g. Family Day New York City Housing Authority Block Party #400793
  - i. July 14, 2018 12pm-6pm (Set Up 11am-12pm & Break Down 6pm-7pm)
  - ii. East 129<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington & Park Ave (s)
  - iii. Applicant: Birdie Glenn
  - iv. Sponsor: Jackie Robinson Family Day NYCHA Tenant Association
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Block Party #400793 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- h. DREAM Championship Day Block Party #401089
  - i. August 10, 2018 10am-3pm (Set Up 8am-10am & Break Down 3pm-4pm)
  - ii. East 101<sup>st</sup> St. between 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave(s)
  - iii. Applicant: Michelle Bennett
  - iv. Sponsor: DREAM
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Block Party #401089 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- i. 109<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association Block Party #401568

- i. July 7, 2018 11am-7pm (Set-up 10am-11am & Break Down 7pm)
  - ii. East 109<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Madison & Fifth Ave(s)
  - iii. Applicant: Sonia Gibson
  - iv. Sponsor: 109<sup>th</sup> St. Block Association
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Block Party #401568 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- j. Family Day  
Block Party #404993
  - i. August 4, 2018 11am-3pm (Set-up 8am-11am & Break Down 3pm-4pm)
  - ii. East 127<sup>th</sup> St. Bet. Lexington & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s)
  - iii. Applicant: Diane Spann
  - iv. Sponsor: Addie Mae Collins Community Service
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Block Party #404993 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed by voice vote with one present not voting (Diane Collier).
- k. 130<sup>th</sup> Street Block Party - #405856
  - i. August 25, 2018 9am-6pm (Includes Set up & Break Down)
  - ii. East 130<sup>th</sup> St. bet. Madison and Park Ave(s)
  - iii. Applicant: Charles Cole
  - iv. Sponsor: East 130<sup>th</sup> St. Block Association
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Block Party #405856 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- l. East Harlem National Stickball League  
Stickball #404243
  - i. June 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018 10am-4pm (Set-up 9am-10am & Break Down 4pm-5pm)
  - ii. East 109<sup>th</sup> St bet. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s)
  - iii. Applicant: Alexis Sabater
  - iv. Sponsor: Young Buck Sports
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Stickball Event #404243 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote
- m. East Harlem National Stickball League  
Stickball #404247
  - i. August 5, 19, 26, 2018 10am-4pm (Set-up 9am-10am & Break Down 4pm-5pm)
  - ii. East 109<sup>th</sup> St. bet. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s)
  - iii. Applicant: Alexis Sabater
  - iv. Sponsor: Young Buck Sports
  - v. **Motion:** A motion to approve Stickball Event #404247 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- n. 116<sup>th</sup> Street Festival #386970
  - i. June 9, 2018 12pm-5pm (Set up 6/8/18 7pm-12pm 6/9/18) & Break Down 6/9/18 5pm-5:30pm

- ii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. bet. East 106<sup>th</sup> St. and East 122<sup>nd</sup> St.
- iii. East 116<sup>th</sup> Street bet. Lexington and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave (s)
- iv. Applicant: David Acosta
- v. Sponsor: Abrazo Fraternal del Barrio Foundation
- vi. **Motion:** A motion to approve Street Festival #386970 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- o. Super Sabado
  - i. Block Party - #408975
  - ii. June 16, 2018 11am-5pm (Set-up 9am-11am & Break Down 5pm-6pm)
  - iii. East 104<sup>th</sup> St. bet. 5<sup>th</sup> & Madison Ave(s)
  - iv. Applicant: Richard Morales
  - v. Sponsor: El Museo del Barrio
  - vi. **Motion:** A motion to approve Block Party - #408975 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- p. Marcus Garvey Park Alliance
  - i. Farmers Market - #403770
  - ii. June 2, 2018 – November 17, 2018 9am-5pm (Includes Set up & Break Down)
  - iii. Mount Morris Park West bet. West 124<sup>th</sup> & West 123<sup>rd</sup> St(s)
  - iv. Applicant: Connie Lee
  - v. Sponsor: Marcus Garvey Park Alliance
  - vi. **Motion:** A motion to approve Farmers Market - #403770 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Vinny Torres. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- q. National Good Deeds Day
  - i. Block Party #398420
  - ii. August 18, 2018 11am-6pm (Set up 9:30am-11am & Break Down 6pm-6:30pm)
  - iii. East 109<sup>th</sup> St. bet. 2 & 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave(s)
  - iv. Applicant: Kiyonda Hester
  - v. Sponsor: Residence of the Block
  - vi. **Motion:** A motion to deny Block Party #398420 was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Melanee Farrah. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- vi. District Needs & Budget
  - 1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the District Needs & Budget Committee as-distributed was made by Vinny Torres and seconded by Steven Villanueva. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- vii. Human Services
  - 1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Human Services Committee as-distributed was made by Carlos Diaz and seconded by Jarquay Abdullah. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- viii. Youth & Education

1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt a resolution regarding the sale of property at the Children’s Aid Society East Harlem Center was made by Jason Villanueva and seconded by John Green. The motion was passed by voice vote with one present/not voting (Giordano).
    - a. **Motion:** A motion to amend the seventh “Whereas” clause of the draft resolution was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Adem Brija. The amended clause will read as follows (new language underlined): *Whereas Children’s Aid is the recipient of local, state and federal grants for funds and beholden to transparency with the public and has failed to provide the public with sufficient information on the sale of the East Harlem Center adjacent lots; now, therefore, be it.* The motion was passed by voice vote with one present/not voting (Giordano).
  2. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Youth & Education Committee as-distributed was made by Mahfuz Rahman and seconded by Shantal Sparks. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- ix. Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Economic Development, Culture & Tourism Committee as-distributed was made by Shantal Sparks and seconded by Adem Brija. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- x. Land Use, Landmarks & Planning
1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Land Use, Landmarks & Planning Committee as-distributed was made by Frances Mastrota and seconded by Melanee Farrah. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- xi. Environment, Open Space & Parks
1. **Motion:** A motion to adopt the minutes of the Environment, Open Space & Parks Committee as-distributed was made by John Green and seconded by Adriane Mack. The motion to approve passed unanimously by voice vote.
- h. Old Business.
- i. None
- i. New Business
- i. None
- j. Announcements
- i. Adriane Mack announced she is no longer going to be at Strive as of Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> 2018
  - ii. Jason Villanueva announced that Covenant House has an ongoing initiative for National Sleep Out to raise awareness for homeless teens
  - iii. Mahfuz Rahman invited the Board to visit local mosques to learn more about Ramadan during this month
- k. Adjournment
- i. **Motion:** A motion to adjourn the meeting of CB11 was made by Jason Villanueva and seconded by John Green. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Minutes prepared by: Thomas Herrera & Angel Mescain



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**Text of Motion of Resolution Regarding Sale of Children's Aid East Harlem Center Property as Referenced in Above Minutes of CB11 as of May 15, 2018**

Whereas Children's Aid is one of America's oldest and largest children's private child welfare nonprofits in New York City, with an annual budget of over \$100 million dollars, 45 citywide sites, and over 1,200 fulltime employees;

Whereas Children's Aid helps tens of thousands of disadvantaged, New York City children succeed annually, by providing comprehensive services of after-school and weekend programs, arts, camps, early childhood education, events, family support, medical, mental health, and dental, juvenile justice, legal advocacy, special initiatives, sports and recreation, and youth development programs;

Whereas the Children's Aid East Harlem Center located at 130 East 101<sup>st</sup> Street, New York, New York 10029, has provided similar services to the community of East Harlem for nearly seventy years through the efforts of local volunteers and Children's Aid employees;

Whereas those services have benefited nearly four generations of East Harlem and created a safe space for the children to interact and play without fear of violence within the East Harlem community;

Whereas Community Board 11 of Manhattan (CB11M) has learned of the impending sale by Children's Aid of a portion of land adjacent to the East Harlem Center (Block 1628, Lots 58 and 59), which currently serves as an outdoor playground and picnic area that is heavily utilized in the Center's programming;

Whereas CB11M is concerned about the potential disruption of services during the closure of the East Harlem Center and the adequacy of substitute locations for providing the same resources and opportunities to the community; and

Whereas Children's Aid is the recipient of local, state and federal grants for funds and beholden to transparency with the public and has failed to provide the public with sufficient information on the sale of the East Harlem Center adjacent lots; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that Community Board 11 of Manhattan:

1. requests the State Attorney General to investigate this transaction, with its authority over substantial sales by 501 c3 status organizations;
2. urges the Mayor, the Manhattan Borough President and the New York City Council to act in solidarity with the community on this matter and advocate a new arrangement in lieu of the current transaction;
3. urges Children's Aid, in the spirit of good faith and seeking to rebuild the East Harlem communities' trust, to give a full commitment to allow a representative designated by CB11 an advisory role on any said board or steering committee of Children's Aid East Harlem Center.