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Nilsa Orama
Chair

Angel D. Moscain
District Manager

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
Melanie Farrah
Judith Febbraro
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
Shantel 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 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 116th bet 2nd and 3rd 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 128th 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 123rd St. bet 2nd and 3rd 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 116th St. Bet. Lexington & 2nd 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 115th St. bet Park and 3rd Ave(s).  
iii. Applicant: Mac Levine  
v. Sponsor: NYCDOT Weekend Walks – Kyle Gorman  
vii. **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. 8th Annual Old-Timers Reunion on 101st St. Stickball #400885  
i. August 4, 2018 9:30am-5:30pm (Set Up 9am-9:30am & Break Down 5:30pm-6pm)  
ii. East 101st 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 129th 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 101st St. between 1st & 2nd 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. 109th Street Block Association  
Block Party #401568
i. July 7, 2018 11am-7pm (Set-up 10am-11am & Break Down 7pm)
ii. East 109th St. bet. Madison & Fifth Ave(s)
iii. Applicant: Sonia Gibson
iv. Sponsor: 109th 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 127th St. Bet. Lexington & 3rd 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. **130th Street Block Party - #405856**

i. August 25, 2018 9am-6pm (Includes Set up & Break Down)
ii. East 130th St. bet. Madison and Park Ave(s)
iii. Applicant: Charles Cole
iv. Sponsor: East 130th 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 109th St bet. 2nd & 3rd 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 109th St bet. 2nd & 3rd 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. **116th Street Festival #386970**

i. June 9, 2018 12pm-5pm (Set up 6/8/18 7pm-12pm & Break Down 6/9/18 5pm-5:30pm
ii. 3rd Ave. bet. East 106th St. and East 122nd St.
iii. East 116th Street bet. Lexington and 2nd 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 104th St. bet. 5th & 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 124th & West 123rd 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 109th St. bet. 2 & 3rd 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 Melanie 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 Melaniee 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 18th 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
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 101st 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.