

**Minutes**

***Economic Development Committee***

***West Harlem Plers Committee***

January 8th, 2019

**Present**

**Members:** Maritta Dunn, Chair, John-Martin Green, Vanessa Jones, Tina Lumley, Jesse Weinstein excused.

**Board Member:** Joyce Adewumi

**General Public** Ira Gershenhorn, Ancela Washington

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**Presentation:** New York African Chorus Ensemble

**Presenter:** Joyce Adewumi

**Purpose:** Introduction of BETA. Business Empowerment through the Arts

One of the current projects of BETA is the two (2) day Multi-Cultural Festival scheduled for two (2) Saturdays, June 1st and June 8th, 2019. The Cultural Festival will be held on St. Nicholas Avenue between 140th and 145th Streets. Vendors and interested participants should go to the website at [www.multiculturalfestival.nyc](http://www.multiculturalfestival.nyc) or contact the New York African Chorus Ensemble at [www.nyafrikanensemble.com](http://www.nyafrikanensemble.com).

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**Janus Property:**

Mr. Scott Metzner offered to take committee members on a tour of the various Janus properties. Unfortunately they are best viewed during the daylight hours. Because of this he will be asked to hold the invitation until our May meeting,.

**Duanereade** by Walgreens located at 568 West 125th Street. This location's windows have been blocked resulting in an unattractive and dangerous view. It is important for retail businesses to offer protection to their customers through open and inviting visibility from the street. An email has been sent to Mr. Joseph Losos at Walgreens requesting that this matter be favorably addressed.

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**Next Meeting:** February 5th, 2019