I. The meeting was called to order at 6:46PM. With 29 members present.

II. The agenda was adopted.

III. The minutes were adopted.

IV: Updates/Presentations/Reports:

1. Update on: West Harlem Development Corporation given by: Kofi A. Boateng, Executive Director. 1st audit by independent reviewer took place and did very well; provided package with details and other info.

2. Presentation on: The Riverside park Master Plan given by: Charles McKinney, Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR). slideshow with historical info and upcoming projects was shown.

3. Report on: Manhattan Legal Services given by: Shantonu Basu, Deputy Director, Housing Unit. people can show up to the office and income documents aren't necessary; 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month open for intake; 4 million allocated under CBA.

V. Reports

1. Chair: Congrats to Housing Forum success, LGBTQ letters to be sent to Orland tragedy, Vincent Bradley was unanimously confirmed as Chairman of the State Liquor Authority (SLA) on June 24, 2015.

2. Treasurer: included in the package

3. District Manager: included in the package

4. Manhattan Borough President’s Office: Summer Meals, Economic Development Council (750 million to fight for), money to allocate to school (57 bills introduced, 8 passed), Margaret Chind and Deed Restrictions.

5. Committee reports:

   a. Arts and Culture: none
   b. Senior Issues: included in the packet.
   c. Landmarks Preservation & Parks: none.
   d. Housing Land Use & Zoning: none.
e. Transportation & Uniformed Services: included in the packet
g. Youth & Education: none
h. Health and Environment: none.
i. Strategic Planning: none

VI: Public Session:

1. Elected officials:
   • Herman D. Farrell: attended HDFC Forum and Multicultural Festival and encouraged mbrs to vote.
   • Danny O'Donnell: no representative.
   • Leticia James: gun control and no support for banks that sponsor guns.
   • Alicia Barksdale: HDFC Forum, WECCE, Pride Month
   • Comptroller Scott Stringer: no representative.
   • Mark Levine: NYC Budget (82 billion), green housing at Riverbank Park, elevator at Hamilton Grange Library, $5,000 for CB9, Youth programs, food pantries, libraries to be open for 6 days, beaches open one week after Labor Day; 8/25/16 Back to School Party.
   • DA's office: Gun Violence, 6/18/16 at Abyssinian Church Guns Buyback event.
   • Mayor's office: Manhattan Borough Director introduced herself.
   • Male Leader: climate change issues, issues with kitchen that feed seniors, grant from Keith Wright.


VIII: Elections results:
   • 2nd VICE CHAIR: Victor Edwards with 20 votes. Carolyn Thompson with 14 votes
   • TREASURER: Joel Mentor with 23 votes. Barry Weinberg with 11 votes.

IX: Old Business: none.

X: New Business: none

Adjourn: on 10:03PM

Respectfully submitted by,

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