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Arts & Culture COMMITTEE REPORT
Monday, March 10th, 2014, 6:30 PM
163 West 125th Street, 8th Floor

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS: David Weaver, Chair, Michael Downie, Dianne Henderson, Earl Keller, and Jennifer Prince, Co-Chair

Excused Absence: Crystal McKay

Presenters & Community Members: C. Virginia Fields, Trustee, Museum of Art & Design, Cathleen Lewis, Museum of Arts & Design, Nakeisha Gumbs, Museum of Arts & Design, Kevin Bitterman, Miriam Millan, and Robert Fairfax

SUMMARY:

Museum of Arts & Design

C. Virginia Fields, Trustee of Museum of Arts & Design(MAD) introduced the program and discussed the purpose of attending the Arts & Culture Committee Meeting. Mrs. Fields shared information about MAD's overall program with specific attention to the youth, school, and teacher programs. MAD would like to continue to engage students and young people above 59th Street. In an effort to do so, they have spoken with the Superintendent of District 5, Gale Reeves who has recommended specific schools in District 5.

Cathleen Lewis and Nakeisha Gumbs shared details about MAD artist studios and school programs. The sixth floor houses the open artist studios. Visitors are able to view, engage, and even participate in the work artists are doing in the studios. MAD also offers programs for school groups with in-gallery activities. They participate in Arts Access, which is a free program for Title I schools. Teachers are also able to access the online teacher resources and K-12 curricula. Three times a year MAD offers teacher professional development. During the summer there is a Teen Program for ten rising juniors or seniors in high school. The summer internship is paid and runs from July through August. The students are able to work with artists and are exposed to working relationships within museums.

The team from MAD asks that the community board include information about MAD in their newsletters to the community(e-blasts), and allow them to leave materials for people to pick up from the board office or to be given out at the general board meeting. Chair David Weaver

agreed. The team from MAD is also interested in making a presentation to the full board at a future general board meeting.

Announcements

Community member Robert Fairfax asked about opportunities to meet the public and share art work. The committee explained the role of the arts and culture committee. Chair David Weaver reiterated that the committee is happy to support outreach efforts and recommended that Mr. Fairfax attend a Harlem Arts Alliance meeting. Committee Member Dianne Henderson recommended attending the Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce's upcoming Harlem Week event. Community Member Kevin Bitterman also recommended the Harlem Arts Festival which has a free and open submission process for all artists.

Community Member Kevin Bitterman also made an announcement about Blue Star Families. The program gives veterans and their families free access to arts organizations- museums, orchestras. etc., - nationally.

Committee Member Dianne Henderson also made an announcement about the Health Committee's even on Saturday, March 22nd. The event is another effort for the community to sign-up for healthcare before the March 31st deadline. The event is in partnership with Emblem Health and Metro Plus and will include nutritionists and massage therapists.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

RESOLUTION ATTACHED: N

Submitted by: J Prince