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## **Economic Development Committee**

Date Thursday, October 8th, 2015 6:30pm

Hon. Keith Taylor, Chair  
Hon. John Lynch, Vice-Chair

### **MINUTES**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Keith Taylor, John Lynch, Camille Edelen, Cicely Harris, Manuel Rivera, Kevin Bitterman, Mari Moss-Yawn, Donna Gill, Deneane Brown-Blackmon, Earl Keller, Cheryl Smith, Victoria Horsford, Tuesday Brooks, Christina Curry.

**Committee Members not in Attendance:** Stanley Gleaton, Shanelle Washington, Forrest Taylor.

#### **1. Adoption of previous month's minutes**

- a. Ms. Katherine Carroll, ESQ. Supervising Attorney for the Law Enforcement Bureau within the Disability Unity of the NYC Commission on Human Rights.
  - i. Discussion around ADA compliance and ensuring that businesses in Harlem are compliant with ADA standards and city codes.
  - ii. Also mentioned was a need to streamline these efforts within businesses in Harlem and an opportunity to be more proactive while businesses are being built out so that they do not end up in with legal issues.
  - iii. Although the City law requires legal access less than 30% of the city's buildings actually comply with this code.
- b. John Henry, Director of Strategy for Co-Found Harlem- Building and planting 100 sustainable Harlem technology companies within the next 5 years.
  - i. Discussion came about around accelerating tech businesses and trying to find ways to increase the job market of Harlem
  - ii. John Henry is looking for investors/ funding for Co-Found Harlem and free office space. A board member asked for a wish list that could assist John with the opportunity to fulfill the needs of the organization.

## 2. DCA Applications

- a. Nariche, LLC- 2211 Frederick Douglas Blvd. New York, NY 10026  
Voting Item:            Yes: 11            No: 0            Abstain: 0

## 3. SLA Applications

- a. Marc Bernstein: 547 Lenox Bar B Q Rest Corp. “Harlem Bar B Q” located at 547 Lenox Ave. New York, NY 10027 (between 137-138<sup>th</sup> St. West side) – Full License  
Voting Item:            Yes: 12            No: 0            Abstain: 0
- b. Shell’s Bistro, LLC d/b/a/ “ Harlem on Fifth,” 2150 Fifth Ave New York, NY 10037 (between 131<sup>ST</sup> -132<sup>ND</sup> Streets)- Wine and Beer License  
Voting Item:            Yes: 12            No: 0            Abstain: 0

### Additional issues:

Joe’s Crab Shack issue – The board obtained information from an executive of the Corporation that houses Joe’s Crab Shack known as the Ignite Group. Question as to why it closed were vaguely answered. Overall, feedback was that service was bad, food was not of quality, and the Big Box concept may not be feasible for Harlem at this juncture. Also, the fact that

Park 112- Residents continue to be concerned about the music and other nuisances that are occurring within the community. Questions were raised about cultural issues and how will the community board deal with bad actors of the community. Consideration to develop a process by which all businesses can be held to a level such as a grading system similar to the health department based on community needs and social responsibility.

Community needs assessment was discussed in conjunction with a concept to become proactive with a community board approach to assisting business needs with a streamlined approach. Additionally, a process needs to be created to address community needs that will enable the board to connect needs of the community to opportunities for corporate responsibility and to address community concerns with constituents that have a problem with businesses by creating agreements with businesses coming into the community. Board members will be researching ideas and process and looking into ways to developing processes that will work for the benefit of the community of Central Harlem. The board is working on developing this concept.

### Meeting Adjourned

*Minutes Prepared by: Mari Moss-Yawn*