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## **LGBTQ Task Force Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 8:00 PM**  
**215 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Hon. Manny Rivera, Chair**

LGBTQ Task Force Chair Manny Rivers began the conversation by introducing himself and some main topics of discussion for the meeting. One of the topics of discussion was the “messages” displayed on Atlah Missionary Church’s sign post. Chair Manny Rivera stated that the sign had first been brought to the attention of the Community Board about year ago. A proposed draft from Manhattan Community Board 10 was present and reviewed by attendees.

Chair Manny Rivera informed attendees that at the current time the Borough President’s office along with other LGBTQ community groups within Harlem are also currently working on the subject of Atlah Missionary Church.

Key Points from the discussions were:

- This behavior has been very disruptive to neighboring businesses, churches and tourists
- Others should be involved such as non-profits, small businesses, and elected officials
- Taking an approach to economically impact the church might be a better approach and can possibly have a bigger and longer lasting effect
- There also appears to have been violations of NYC Landmark regulations which also need to be properly investigated

A motion was presented to table the proposed statement on behalf of the Board, in regard to Atlah World Missionary Church. This will allow for further dialogue and communication with the Borough Presidents office, and the LGBT Community. The Task Force is requesting that such take place within a one month time frame.

Passed unanimously. 4 YES 0 NO 0 ABSTENTIONS

The discussion ended with the task force deciding to make a statement in the coming weeks while working with the Borough President's office and other community groups to make a more conclusive statement for the community.

The task force also discussed holding a listening session possibly in April or May. To be noted Board Member Christina Curry implored that the Community Board reach out to the LGBTQ Deaf & Disabled community.

Total number of participants/attendees: 13