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LGBTQ Task Force Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2015 at 6:30 PM

215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

Hon. Manny Rivera, Chair

LGBTQ Task Force Chair Manny Rivera began the conversation by introducing himself.

The meeting began with a discussion about the Atlah Church signage. Manhattan Borough President Liaison Jesus Perez reported that the Church went before the Environmental Control Board and for 5 violations with all being upheld totaling \$2350. The Manhattan Borough President's office is also looking to consider more aggressive options towards the church. The community also provided some ideas regarding the Atlah Church signage. Some proposed a March to Atlah, and or a block party in front of the Church.

The next discussion centered on the role of the task force. Task Force Chair Manny Rivera introduced Senior Liaison to the task force Brian Benjamin, who then explained that the purpose of the Town Hall is to hear the issues of the community and look to provide a report out of the LGBTQ Task Force and place that report in the hands of elected officials, city agencies and community stakeholders that have decision making capabilities within the community.

The next item was the planning of the LGBTQ Town Hall Meeting. There was an extremely informative and interactive planning session for the November 5th HARLEM LGBTQ TOWN HALL MEETING. The group discussed, and will finalize the structure of the TH, suggested topics of concern, and to have a public recognition of the contributions several individuals and organizations have made on behalf of the LGBTQ community.

The next meeting of the LGBTQ Task Force, where plans for the TOWN HALL MEETING will be finalized, is on OCTOBER 1st - CB 10 Office -215 W. 125 St – 3rd floor conference room– Harlem.

The **HARLEM LGBTQ TOWN HALL MEETING** will be on Nov 5th - 6:00 PM @ the Harlem State Office Building - 163 125 Street, Harlem.

**The names of members of the public who are not representing an organization have been omitted to reflect confidentiality concerns.*