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Municipal Services Committee Minutes

April 10th, 2025

Ngande Ambroise, Committee Chairperson

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Roll Call and Agenda Approval

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise calls the meeting to order and requests a roll call.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan provides the roll call, noting absences and excuses.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise confirms a quorum and asks for a motion to accept the agenda.
- Member Audrey Dejesus motions to accept the agenda, and it is seconded by Burns.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise introduces the presentation by Mr. David Mandel from the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Introduction to She Built NYC Initiative

- David Mandel introduces himself and provides an overview of the She Built NYC initiative.
- The initiative aims to address the underrepresentation of women in New York City's public art and monuments.
- The project was launched in 2018 with the goal of creating one monument for each borough to honor women's history.
- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, four out of the five initial projects were delayed, but the Shirley Chisholm monument in Brooklyn is currently underway.

Details of Dr. Helen Rodriguez Trias Monument

- David Mandel provides a detailed background on Dr. Helen Rodriguez Trias, a pediatrician, educator, and women's rights activist.

- The monument will be located outside Lincoln Hospital in the Bronx, tied to a capital project.
- The budget for the project is up to \$750,000, covering artist fees, design, fabrication, and site preparation.
- The project will be run through the Percent for Art Program, which allocates 1% of new capital projects for public art.

Selection Process and Community Involvement

- David Mandel explains the selection process for artists, including a panel meeting and finalist presentations.
- The community can participate by attending panel meetings, providing feedback during the proposal development phase, and attending public hearings.
- The project timeline includes the artist call closing, panel meetings, and finalist presentations.
- Community members are encouraged to suggest artists and panelists for the project.

Questions and Clarifications

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise asks about the budget and materials for the project.
- David Mandel clarifies that artists receive an honorarium for their proposals and that the final design will be developed with city requirements.
- Member Audrey Dejesus inquires about the eligibility of local artists, and David Mandel provides information on how to submit applications.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise and District Manager Anthony Jordan discuss the importance of ensuring the monument is visible and accessible to the public.

Discussion on Community Concerns and Next Steps

- District Manager Anthony Jordan raises concerns about the visibility and protection of public art in healthcare facilities.
- David Mandel assures that the monument will be placed in a public and accessible location at Lincoln Hospital.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise suggests coordinating a meeting with elected officials and community stakeholders to address the issues at the shelter.
- The meeting concludes with plans to follow up on the discussed points and ensure proper community involvement.