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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-LAND USE & HOUSING MINUTES January 10, 2018

### **Academic Leadership Charter School (ALCA)**

Said that ALCA is a 501©(3) non-profit educational institution serving Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Elementary and Middle School in Bronx School District 7 that was originally chartered in 2009 and opened with an initial enrollment of 150 Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students. ALCS has expanded by approximately 50-60 students and one grade per year, currently serving 554 students. Our mission is to develop in students the ability to exceed NYS performance standards in all major academic areas in a safe and nurturing environment. There are two teachers provided in each classroom and an extended day program offers 33% more instructional time than public schools.

ALCS operates an elementary school co-located within PS65 Mother Hale Academy Public School for Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> Grade of 304 students and 16 classrooms at 677 East 141<sup>st</sup> Street and a middle school co-located within the XX754 Jeffrey M. Rapport School for Career Development 250 students and 18 classrooms at 470 Jackson Avenue

We seek to construct a new school at 356-362 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street which will serve both the elementary and middle school students from Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. To create the proposed school ALCS would like to relocate the existing middle school and include additional elementary classrooms in the proposed school while maintaining the existing elementary school. The proposed school would enable ALCS to gradually expand its student body to accommodate a strong demand for elementary and middle schools.

It is anticipated that the proposed school will open for the 2019-20 school year, with an initial enrollment of 500 students. This enrollment will include the already existing 250 middle school students, an additional 75 middle school students and an additional 175 elementary school

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students. We expect to reach our target enrollment of 600 students 275 elementary, 325 middle school students and 50-60 staff members by 2022-2023 at the proposed school.

The existing middle school is an inadequate location with classroom space limited to the third floor and students are provided with limited access to the cafeteria and gymnasium, no outdoor play area, no library and no science lab.

The proposed school will provide 24 classrooms, five specialized rooms which are a library, art, music, and two science, three special education rooms, a full regulation size double height gymnasium with a stage, locker rooms, a cafeteria and play roof, play area on the roof and necessary administrative, storage and service space.

Operating hours for students will be from 7:15 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Friday. Students are offered breakfast from 7:15 AM to 7:45 AM when the academic program begins. There is after school tutoring, activities and sports take place from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM two to three days a week.

### **Questions and Comments**

**The Chairperson called for a motion of support for the Academic Leadership Charter School BSA Calendar No. 2017-08-BZ, 356-362 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Block 2301, Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15 Bronx,, New York (the “Premises”).**

Motion made to provide support for the Academic Leadership Charter School BSA Calendar No. 2017-08-BZ, 356-362 East 139<sup>th</sup> Street, Block 2301, Lots 12, 13, 14 and 15. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

**The Chairperson called for adjournment.**

Motion made to adjourn. Motion duly seconded. Motion called and passed unanimously.

**Meeting adjourned.**