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Economic Development, Land Use, Housing & Zoning Committee Minutes

June 3rd, 2025

Paola Martinez, Committee Chairperson

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Attendance: Paola Martinez, Susan Camerata, Dalourny Nemorin, Argelia Ortiz, Freddy Perez Jr., Michael Pimentel

Guest Speakers: Devan Cronshaw, Marshall Strawbridge

Introductions and Meeting Purpose

- Committee Chair Paola Martinez opens the meeting, welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan reminds everyone about the recording and asks new speakers to state their names and associations.
- Committee Chair Paola Martinez discusses the importance of attendance at meetings and the need for community engagement.

Summer Plans and Community Events

- Committee Chair Paola Martinez suggests gathering information about summer plans and events hosted by other committees.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions no other community-organized events besides the borough president's barbecue.
- Committee Chair Paola Martinez proposes reaching out to businesses and hosting events like happy hours.
- Discussion on revisiting the Phipps Halls site and engaging with stakeholders for better river access and development.

Orientation and Training for New Members

- Member Dalourny Nemorin suggests an orientation and training session for new members before their committee assignments in September.
- Committee Chair Paola Martinez and Anthony Jordan discuss the possibility of involving interns in preparing presentations or handbooks.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin highlights the importance of a long-term plan for street vendors at Roberto Clemente Plaza.
- Discussion on the need for better follow-up and coordination with various stakeholders, including Lincoln Hospital and elected officials.

Lincoln Hospital and Health Initiatives

- District Manager Anthony Jordan updates on a meeting with the new Associate Executive Director of Lincoln Hospital, Socrates Solano.
- Discussion on the hospital's role in community health and economic development.
- Committee Chair Paola Martinez suggests following up with Representative Ocasio Cortez on food programs and other community issues.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin mentions ongoing efforts on syringe collection and the Tenant Opportunity Purchasing Act (TOPA).

Syringe Collection and Community Engagement

- Member Dalourny Nemorin explains the challenges of syringe collection and the need for state funding.
- Discussion on the importance of community engagement and the role of various agencies in addressing syringe issues.
- Member Argelia Ortiz emphasizes the need for a collective effort from different committees and organizations.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin highlights the need for ongoing conversations and collaboration with elected officials and community members.

Brownfield Opportunity Area Study

- Marshall Strawbridge and Devin Crenshaw present the proposal for a Brownfield Opportunity Area study.
- The study aims to identify underutilized lots and create a community vision for redevelopment.
- Discussion on the importance of green space, youth engagement, and healthy food initiatives.
- Concerns about the budget allocation and the need for local hiring and community engagement.

Community Advisory Committee and Local Hiring

- Discussion on the role of the community advisory committee and the need for local hiring opportunities.
- Committee Chair Paola Martinez suggests incorporating capacity-building opportunities for local residents.

- Marshall Strawbridge mentions ongoing training programs for community members in economic development.
- Member Dalourmy Nemorin emphasizes the importance of local hiring for community outreach and engagement.

Final Discussion and Vote on Letter of Support

- District Manager Anthony Jordan asks about the strategy and potential outcomes of the Brownfield study.
- Discussion on the importance of innovative and impactful initiatives for the community.
- Committee Chair Paola Martinez emphasizes the need for the grant to benefit the local community and build capacity.
- The committee votes to provide a letter of support for the Brownfield Opportunity Area grant application.

Action Items

- Gather information on summer plans of other community board committees to identify potential collaboration opportunities.
- Coordinate with the Health and Human Services Committee to discuss syringe collection efforts and Lincoln Hospital's role.
- Discuss the Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grant application at the full community board meeting, including a budget breakdown.
- Explore opportunities to engage with and follow up on the Phipps housing development project.
- Provide the committee with a summary of relevant bills and follow up with Representative Ocasio-Cortez's office on food security issues.
- Discuss creating an orientation and training program for new community board members at the executive board meeting.
- Follow up with the Department of Transportation on the status of questions regarding activating Roberto Clemente Plaza with street vendors.