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Ethics & Disciplinary Committee February 16, 2021 Webex Meetings

MINUTES

PRESENT: John Johson, Chair; Veronica Castro; Yahay Obeid; Naomi Pemberton; Eliezer Rodriguez; and Edit Shkreli

GUESTS: Matt Caulfield, Roxanne Delgado, Diana Finch and Robert Press, CB11 residents

John Johnson gave the committee and the public an opportunity to review the November 2020 Committee Meting Minutes.

Motion for approval by Eliezer Rodriguez, seconded by Yahay Obeid.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

John Johnson spoke about the FOIL procedure and a request form, which is still under review by the Committee. The form will have fields to clarify requests and the ability to estimate charges, if any, in accordance with FOIL parameters.

John Johnson went over CB11's Conduct Statement and the expectations of all participants to adhere to it.

Roxanne Delgado raised concerns with the current FOIL process, estimated charges, the Conduct Statement and issues surrounding eating and drinking establishment Kirvens.

John Johnson explained the fee charging ability, which is outlined in FOIL regulations. Every request will be reviewed on its own merit. Requests that don't require over two hours will not be charged. Mr. Johnson also stated that the District Manager is the FOIL Officer for CB11.

Diana Finch spoke regarding her complaint against board members.

John Johnson explained that the issues raised do not fall under the purview of CB11's authority. The board members acted in a personal capacity to file complaints, as is their right, and are not known at this time to use their positions on CB11 for any undue influence.

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Edit Shkreli expanded on the issue of Kirvens, stating that the Community Board's Economics Development Committee had recommended not extending the hours of the establishment due to information provided by the NYPD. She also stated that she likes Kirvens and patronizes the establishment.

Matt Caulfield commented on the possibility of the abuse by board members, questioning the ability of members to act as private citizens.

Naomi Pemberton clarified and iterated that the Ethics & Disciplinary Committee is new. Procedures and polices are still being established.

Meeting ended at 9:07 pm.

Minutes by John Johnson, edited and formatted by staff.

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