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## **Arts & Culture Committee**

**Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 P.M.**

In Attendance:

Vice-Chair George Harrell, Board member Crystal McKay

Meeting start - 6:45pm

Guest - **Richard Velazquez** ([richard.velazquez@gmail.com](mailto:richard.velazquez@gmail.com)).

Mr. Velazquez introduced himself as on the Board of Directors of the American Friends of the Ludwig Foundation of Cuba (AFLFC.org), the organization that puts on the annual Havana Film Festival New York. The festival runs from March 30 - April 7th this year 2017.

While the venues are set this year, given the historic ties between Harlem and Cuba, his intention upon coming to the meeting was in the hopes of expanding the Film Festival to some Harlem venues for 2018 and beyond.

The foundation's website is [www.AFLFC.org](http://www.AFLFC.org) . It exists to foster cultural exchange between American and Cuban artists and art professionals. Mr. Harrell discussed ways in which the Harlem Arts Alliance and Community Board 10 would be able to partner with the AFLFC on future events.

Mr. Velazquez also informed us of a link for several events throughout the festival that are free and open to the public. Full list here: <http://hffny.com/2017/special-events/>

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

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Crystal McKay