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Economic Development Committee

Thursday, October 12, 2017 – 6:30 PM

Hon. John Lynch, Chair

Minutes

Committee and Board Members in Attendance: John Lynch, Deneane Brown-Blackman, Stanley Gleaton, Victoria Horsford, Mari Moss-Yawn, Cheryl Smith, Lisa Downing, Donna Gill

Absent: Earl Keller, Jenifer Prince,

Excused: Charles Johnson, Danni Tyson

Agenda

1. Presentations:

LinkNYC Kiosk Program. Presentation by Nantasha Williams of Mannatt and Daniel Engellman of City Bridge seeking support of proposal to add seven additional LinkNYC kiosks in the CB 10 District. Discussion was had regarding the functionality and services provided by the kiosks, the number of kiosks currently in the District and the availability of the kiosks for public service and Community Board announcements. The Committee voted 8 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions to support the requested increase in sites.

Department of Consumer Affairs Sidewalk Cafe Applications:

License Renewal Applications

- Lenox Sapphire, LLC, d/b/a “Chez Lucienne”, 308 Lenox Avenue, New York, NY 10027 (125th - 126th Streets, East Side). The Applicant called during the meeting to advise that he could not attend due to an emergency.

New Business:

- District Needs Statement. Discussion was had regarding identifying areas in which funding from NYC could be requested to spur Economic Development in the District.
- City Council Legislation Banning Hookah Lounges. Discussion was had regarding recently passed NYC Council legislation banning the establishment of any new

establishments that sell or permit hookah smoking, both tobacco based and non-tobacco based. Only existing lounges that generate more than 50% of their revenues from hookah sales will continue to be permitted to sell non-tobacco hookah. New regulations will be imposed on the grandfathered hookah establishments.

- Proposed City Council Legislation to Relax Commercial Rent Tax. The CRT currently exists with respect to certain commercial leases in Manhattan below 96th Street. The proposed amendments would raise the threshold for the imposition of the CRT from \$250,000 to \$500,000 and would exempt grocery stores that accept SNAP and WIC. A Resolution expressing CB 10's support for the new legislation will be presented for a vote at the Board's General Board meeting.

- Edwin Alvarez of BTN Consulting spoke regarding opportunities for MWBEs to secure construction and supply contracts on the Victoria Theater Development Project.

- Christian Damiba and Lawrence Mensah of NYC Small Business Services discussed the SBS Solutions Center at the Harlem Commonwealth Council on West 125th Street

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes submitted by John Lynch