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Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee
March 12, 2018 6:36pm
433 1st Ave Rm 210

Meeting Minutes

Present: Marty Barrett (Vice/Acting Chair), Claude L. Winfield, Brian Van Nieuwenhoven, David Colby Reed, Gary Papush, Jim Collins, Gene Santoro, Eve-Marie Lassiter, Jesus Perez (CB6 District Manager), Sam Carrigan (CB6 Community Associate)

Excused: Pedro Carillo (Chair)

Absent: Kyle Athayde, Karen Moore

Guests: Molly Hollister (CB6 Chair), Carin van der Donk (CB6 member), Phil Napolitano

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting's Minutes

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order at 6:36pm.

Claude L. Winfield made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Gene Santoro and passed.

Claude L. Winfield made a motion to adopt the minutes from the February 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed.

Committee Business

Agenda Item #1: Discussion of Intro 1491, now renamed Intro 544, a bill to reform the Fair Share law regarding siting of municipal facilities.
<http://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2972248&GUID=3F07BDFAC71F-4A20-B76A-700ADAE544BA&FullText=1> Picking up on last month's discussion, Chair Barrett read several sections of the bill to highlight its aim of increasing time and input for communities about the siting of city facilities as well as transparency throughout the process. Sam Carrigan took the podium to outline the office's research, which included the finding that CD6 is, by this bill's metrics, far from overburdened with "residential beds," the proposed Fair Share category that includes homeless shelters. This sparked a further discussion of how the bill structures and evaluates Fair Share.

Gene Santoro suggested that the rigidity of the silo-style structure used by the bill precludes the flexibility of balancing realistic tradeoffs between “positive” and “negative” facilities already existing within a community district when siting a new facility. Jim Collins suggested that a system of “weighting” differing facilities should be developed to deal with this issue. Carin van der Donk reminded the committee that the bill is intended to curb the widespread abuse of emergency siting by many city agencies. Brian van Nieuwenhoven offered support for the bill’s overall goals, which reflected the sense of the committee. Discussion then centered on how CB6 can suggest that the proposed Fair Share process should include what David Colby Reed described as “the need to articulate the logic for goods and ills.” Carin van der Donk suggested the city consider any site’s “collective impact.” The wording of a possible resolution began to take shape. Since the issue is not time-sensitive, the committee voted to continue discussion and produce a resolution at its next meeting; this motion was approved 7-0-1.

Agenda Item #2: Discussion of Budget Register. Chair Barrett noted that CB6’s response to the city’s responses to CB6’s budget priorities and district needs statement was filed on March 4. He then read a few items to illustrate how the process works.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Chair’s Report

The chair noted that it was his birthday, and those present offered good wishes.

Adjournment

Gene Santoro made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jim Collins and passed. Chair Barrett declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Minutes submitted by: Gene Santoro.

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