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**Manhattan Community Board Six  
Budget Ad Hoc Committee  
March 12, 2019, 6:30 PM  
Manhattan Community Board Six Office (211 East 43<sup>rd</sup> St, Suite 1404)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Brian Van Nieuwenhoven (Chair), Rick Eggers, Gary Papush, Reshma Patel, Gene Santoro, Claude L. Winfield, Eva-Marie Lassiter

Excused: Jim Collins, Elaine Tai

Guests: Molly Hollister, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) Chair; Karen Moore, CB6 Member

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

Brian Van Nieuwenhoven called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM.

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Claude L. Winfield and passed.

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven made a motion to adopt the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick Eggers and passed.

**Committee Business**

*Part I: Public Hearing*

There were no members of the public who chose to participate. The hearing was adjourned without comments.

*Part II: Committee Meeting*

*Agenda item #1: Discussion on restoring the right to vote to New Yorkers on parole*

A copy of New York State legislation on the matter and a piece from Brennan Center were handed out. Committee Member Claude L. Winfield also gave a handout of a statement by Michelle D. Winfield on the topic.

There was a discussion on the right to vote. In this discussion, it was mentioned that two states never take away your right to vote: Maine and Vermont.

There was also a discussion of a law that recently passed in Florida that would give voting rights to former felons.

There was a discussion of the history of this legislation in New York State. It was mentioned that Governor Cuomo had an Executive Order on the topic, but that the State Senate bill would codify it in New York State.

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven made a motion for a resolution of support of this legislation. The motion was then seconded by Claude L. Winfield.

Committee Member Gary Papush suggested an amendment to add a provision that public officials who were convicted not be allowed to vote and run for office. The motion was seconded by Gene Santoro. However, committee members raised concerns that such a provision would open a discussion about who else shouldn't be able to vote.

Therefore, the motion to pass the amendment failed, but the motion to draft the resolution passed.

**Vote:** 8 In favor   0 Opposed   1 Abstain   0 Not entitled

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven said that with regards to the Mayor's budget and the CB6 response to Mayor's Budget, nothing has really changed.

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven also mentioned that the CB6 office is including budget requests in meeting reminders for other committees.

### **Old/New Business**

There was a discussion on Census 2020.

Requests were also made for comfort stations at Bellevue South Park and a bathroom by the 34th Street Ferry Building.

### **Adjournment**

Gene Santoro made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion seconded by Claude L. Winfield and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Reshma Patel