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**Ad Hoc Budget Committee
June 10, 2019, 6:30 PM
Manhattan Community Board Six Office, 211 East 43rd Street**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Brian Van Nieuwenhoven (Chair), Jim Collins, Rick Eggers, Paige Judge, Karen Moore, Reshma Patel (via telephone), Claude L. Winfield, Eva-Marie Lassiter

Absent: Gene Santoro, Elaine Tai

Guests: Molly Hollister, Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) Chair; Shan Swale, Resident; Jesus Perez, CB6 District Manager; Brendan Birth, CB6 Staff

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

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

A motion was made to revise the agenda to include a matter of the resolution requesting a baselined budget increase for Community Boards, and was adopted by acclamation.

There were no changes to the minutes of the prior meeting and Jim Collins moved to adopt them, seconded by Rick Eggers. The motion passed and the minutes from the March 12, 2019 meeting were adopted.

Committee Business

Agenda Item #1: Resolution regarding a baselined budget increase for Community Boards

Jim Collins clarified that the "baselined budget" increases for community boards refers to operational expenses, including salaries, but not leasehold. It was suggested, however, that a "base" budget increase instead of a "baselined" budget increase be proposed. Claude L. Winfield called the item on the base budget increase to question. The resolution was seconded by Karen Moore, and the resolution was passed.

VOTE: 7 In favor 0 opposed 0 abstained 0 not entitled

Agenda Item #2: Review of responses to the budget requests for the Executive Budget of Fiscal Year 2020 by Manhattan Community Board Six

The Committee reviewed the responses to CB 6's budget requests for the Executive Budget of FY2020. For the capital budget, low- to moderate-income housing was noted as a critical need. Housing for populations with special needs—including seniors and the homeless (eg, the Kenmore Hotel)—was also noted as a critical need. Other priority capital budget items discussed were the waterfront greenway, reconstruction or upgrading of district parks, improved accessibility of transit, renovations/upgrades to the Epiphany and Grand Central Libraries, creation of a new senior center, improvements to the police precinct building, and stairs and lights at Tudor City, among others.

Expense budget items that were discussed included park maintenance, enhanced educational and recreational programs, and extended library hours.

Continuing capital servicing items were also discussed (examples: lighting for Glick Park, PS40 roof). The Budget Committee will follow up on all items to confirm whether items listed as continuing capital servicing have been funded.

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven stated that the Budget Committee will follow up and monitor CB6 funding. Individual capital and expense budget items will be referred to their appropriate committees. He also reminded the Committee of the need for supporting documentation (i.e. statistics, project costs, and stakeholder letters) to support relevant capital budget items.

Chair's Report

Chair Van Nieuwenhoven waived his report.

Old/New Business

Jim Collins reminded the group of his concern about underfunding of the New York City pension plan. There was no other old/new business.

Adjournment

Karen Moore made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Claude L. Winfield and passed. Chair Van Nieuwenhoven declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Moore.