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Chairperson

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Health & Human Services Committee

Monday June 17, 2013 6:30pm

Present: Chair Hazel Dukes, Christina Curry, Donna Gill, Diane Henderson, Jennifer Jones, Cicely Harris, Cheryl Smith

Excused: Deborah Yates

Absent: Melvin Christian, Ibrahima Diafoune, Stephen Watkins

Community Guests:

Katherine Nickson, Community Activist

Vincent Vann, Community Member

Yvonne Vogt, Harlem Seeds

Darius Grayes, Harlem Seeds

The June 2013 Health & Human Services Committee meeting opened with an introduction of all committee members and visitors.

Harlem Seeds / Columbia Fellowship Project

Harlem Seeds has taken on the task of creating a Farmers Market to be located on West 135th Street between Fifth & Lenox Avenue in front of the Kennedy Center. Through the establishment of the Farmers market, Harlem Seeds will further its efforts to provide Harlem residents easy access to fresh food items, which play a pivotal role in inspiring young people to live long healthy lives.

Dr. Dukes has charged the committee with helping to get community input. An email blast will be sent to the community with the survey in addition to posting on Facebook. Responses are requested by July 5th.

Harlem Seeds was founded in 2010 by sisters Michele Hatchette and Stephanie Mack, who were born and raised in Harlem. Deeply committed to their community and its youth, the organization was established to address the most pressing health issues facing Harlem youth today.

Harlem Seeds' programs are geared towards inspiring and training future community leaders as advocates for the accessibility and consumption of fresh healthy foods in their neighborhoods. Through these programs, which include gardening education, culinary education and community workshops, the organization seeks to enrich the community by inspiring young people to live long, healthy lives by empowering them to make appropriate food and lifestyle choices.

Online English Survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/13NGHVvtqUhgabjE4fiiYEAUy0D8HZfita9HdHaXL540/viewform>

Online Spanish Survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1YZ3CCoMgImUoNtnSuv-Uot0nKDW_GSiTHm0ev8vh4xg/viewform

Community Options

In response to a letter received from Community Options Chairman Lyle has requested that the committee meet with Community Options. The committee agreed that it would be appropriate to have a joint meeting with Land Use.

Emergency Preparedness

Committee member Christina Curry reports a lack of representation by Northern Manhattan in policy and planning discussions related to Emergency Preparedness. She expressed the need for input on resources and shelters. It was stated that the nearest biohazard unit is at Mount Sinai, nothing at Harlem or Metropolitan.

Harlem CERT provides immediate basic needs. We need to focus on infrastructure discussions due to the proximity of the fault line and flooding risk up to 155 St.

The committee agreed to contact the MBP liaison Nina Saxson to get a better understanding of the work the BP's office may be doing with FEMA, FBI and other city, state and federal agencies tasked with emergency response and planning.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **WHCR, 90.3 FM** City College radio station airs 'Healthy Harlem' program every Thursday 7pm
- Renaissance hosting annual meeting Thursday June 20th

Community Advisory Board Updates:

- Harlem Hospital/Renaissance CABs – No updates
- Metropolitan Hospital will host a Mental Health forum in June 2013

Meeting Adjourned 7:45pm

***** NEXT MEETING: Monday September 16th 6:30pm *****

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