



CITY OF NEW YORK
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Arts & Culture Committee

Monday, May 11, 2015
Hon. Michael Downie, Chair
Hon. Jennifer Prince, Vice-Chair

MINUTES

Committee Members in Attendance: Michael Downie, Jennifer Prince, Kevin Bitterman, Tuesday Brooks, Earl Keller, Crystal McKay, Brandi North

Committee Members not in Attendance: Deborah Gilliard, George Harrell

Guest: Erich McMillan-McCall

Welcome/Introduction

Presentation Item:

Erich McMillan-McCall, CEO and President, Project 1 Voice, INC

- Erich McMillan of Project 1 Voice presented to promote and support the Black Theatre. They have been established for five years with over 30 productions across the country. The play in marking the 35th Anniversary is called “Home”. It also marks the 150th year anniversary of the 13th Amendment of the Constitution. The play will be held at the Brooklyn Heritage Center on June 15th, 2015 and in New York at the Harlem Hospital Pavilion. The tickets range from \$25.00 - \$75.00.

Discussion Item:

- Election of Committee Secretary: the committee decided on a rotation which will begin September 2015.
- Approval of previous month’s minutes was approved with necessary corrections.

Updates:

- A & C “Initiative for Youth” is moving along well. The executive committee anticipates a pilot project to commence in September 2015. The Chair will speak with the Borough President’s legal team on the vetting of teachers and professors for the initiative.
- The A & C Committee would like to participate in the 125th Street BID Holiday lighting and kids’ events.

- A & C Committee would like to assemble a special taskforce to follow-up on the One New York initiative through the Mayor's Office. FYI: 75% of City's Schools do not have funding for Arts programming. Pupils score 50% higher on SAT's when art is applied to their curriculum.
- Kevin Bitterman will look at the DCA distribution of funding in the Harlem area. Why are we not getting proper funding?

District Needs Statement:

- No Budget Priorities as of yet.
- Possible re-vamping of mission statement to include "more funding for Public Performing Arts Center.
- In looking at the re-phrasing of the statement, we will take a look at the wording of community boards.

Announcements:

- On May 28th, 2015 – Joe Rodgers will give a workshop for parents and teachers "Know the Rights of Students." TBA

Minutes prepared by Crystal McKay