

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 2018  
AT THE BOARD OFFICE  
5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE, BRONX NY 10471**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

S. Sarao                      CB8 Housing Committee Chair  
J. Reyes                     CB8 Housing Committee Vice Chair  
G. Santiago                 CB8 Member

**ABSENT:**

O. Murray                 CB8 Member  
J. Santiago                 CB8 Member  
R. Zavras                  CB8 Member

**Guests:**

T. Edwards                 President, Marble Hill Tenants Association  
Z. Kostvo                  The Riverdale Press  
T. Weinstein                NYC Department Housing Preservation Department

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 PM by Chair Steven Sarao.

Due to a lack of quorum, the meeting opened without discussion or votes of the past committee minutes, nor of old business.

Discussion of the March 26<sup>th</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> 2018 minutes will be held over until the next committee meeting.

Discussion was had on the possibility of the committee hosting a Housing Forum. The local Council members are resources to contact for this endeavor.

Ted Weinstein, Director of Bronx Planning, NYC Department Housing Preservation Department (HPD), advises there is a unit in the HPD that conducts tenant resource fairs that may possibly be of assistance for the committee's Housing Forum.

Ted Weinstein gave an overview of New York City's Budgetary process. Mr. Weinstein also discussed Housing Preservation duties as it relates to enforcement, and the Development duties as it relates to restoration and new construction.

Discussion was had on HPD Budget request with issues of Staff and Code Enforcement Inspectors.

Inquiry was made of obtaining information on Senior Affordable Rental Programs.

Budget items discussion was had on the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments within the confines of Community Board 8 (see attached list). Issues prioritized as: Elevator, Exterior fencing, Boiler, Staffing (administrative & grounds), Site improvement/Playground, Radiator, and Entry doors.

Tony Edwards, President of NYCHA's Marble Hill Tenants Association (MHTA), invited all to attend Family Day at Marble Hill Houses Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> and the MHTA meeting Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Discussion was had on having the next committee meeting within the area of Marble Hill Houses.

Tentative meeting date and location for the next committee meeting will be on Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen's Church.

Discussions concluded at 9:25 p.m.

Recorded by,

J. Reyes  
Housing Committee Member, CB8

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Sarao  
Chairperson  
Housing Committee, CB8

- **FORT INDEPENDENCE STREET – HEATH AVENUE**

1 Residential building with 344 units

5-Year major needs are approximately \$40.37M, breakdown as follows:

- 3 boilers installed in 1996 and are in fair condition; Replacement at \$6.3M
- Roof is in fair condition, Replacement at \$4.07M
- Apartment kitchen renovations at \$8.37M
- Apartment interior renovations (floor, and doors) at \$9.96M
- Apartment radiator/ convector/ baseboard at \$1.86M
- Interior entry doors at \$1.26M
- Interior stairs at \$2.31M
- Windows replacement at \$3.98M
- Site fence replacement at \$2.26M

Recently completed and/or planned work:

- Gas Risers Replacement in the amount of \$36,767 completed in 2013
- Security enhancements, security upgrades and CCTV installation in the amount of \$661,583 completed in 2014
- Brickwork and façade restoration in the amount of \$683,464 completed in 2016
- Playground rehabilitation in the amount of \$300,000 completed in 2018
- Accessible ramps in the amount of \$500,000 is included in 5-Year Capital Plan
- Elevator replacement in the amount of \$2M is included in 5-Year Capital Plan
- Exterior compactors in the amount of \$200,000 is included in 5-Year Capital Plan
- Lighting installation in the amount of \$500,000 is planned