

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING
OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Jerald Kreppel
Susan Lynne Seidner Chasky
Josh Payne
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The meeting began at 7:30 PM.

The Chairman reported on the 8 apparently abandoned construction sites in Community Board 8. A list of these sites is annexed hereto.

On February 26, 2007 letters were sent by the Chairman of the Housing Committee to the owners of these sites inquiring what are the owners plans for these sites and what the owners are doing to correct any violations that have been issued regarding these sites.

Also the Chairman sent a letter with photographs of these 8 abandoned construction sites to the Commissioner of the Bronx Office of the New York City Buildings Department, Marshal Kaminer, P.E.

The letter to Commissioner Kaminer, also dated February 26, 2007, inquired what the City is doing to enforce the law regarding these properties, and whether the City will tear down any unauthorized construction if the owners don't do it or do not correct the violations on their property.

The Chairman also mentioned the possibility of a tour of these apparently abandoned construction sites by Commissioner Kaminer. That tour has been tentatively scheduled for the morning of March 16, 2007.

The committee also discussed the problem of self certification of building plans by architect and engineers who abuse the self certification privilege by falsely certifying that permit applications and building plans meet the requirements of the City's building code.

It was noted that the City Council recently passed two bills that address this issue of false or negligent certification of applications and/or plans by architects and engineers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. The next Housing Committee meeting will be on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 7:30 PM at the Board Office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerald Kreppel
Chairman
Housing Committee

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