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Meeting Minutes

Monday March 27, 2017 - 6:30 PM

Committee Members in Attendance (5): Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Danni Tyson; Hon. Jason Clark; Hon. Shanelle Washington

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Hon. Kevin Bitterman; Hon. Derrick Graham; Hon. Earl Keller; Hon. Mark Bones; Hon. Lisa Downing; Hon. Barbara Nelson

Hon. Ibrahima Diafoune (Excused)

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of February 27, 2017 Committee Meeting
3. Discussions:

a. HPD's Proposed Regulatory Agreement:

- *Introduction of Hally Chu – Policy Analyst – Office of the Manhattan Borough President & Comments;*

Ms. Chu made a very informative presentation on 1. “*The Background and Contextual Resources*” regarding the proposed Regulatory Agreement and handed out copies of the Guidance Memo on HDFC coops and a letter from the New York City Council’s Affordable Housing Task Force to then HPD Commissioner Vicki Been. Ms. Chu also provided information and copies of the Manhattan Borough President’s Letter to HPD on the proposed Regulatory Agreement and HPD’s response to that letter. She

then presented and handed out information from HDFC Groups and Organizations.

ELECTRONIC COPIES OF ALL OF THESE DOCUMENTS ARE BEING EMAILED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WERE PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND TO HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

- *Report and Update by Hon. Danni Tyson – Chair HDFC Sub-Committee on survey results and other related matters*

HDFC Sub-Committee Chair Danni Tyson used much of her time on the Agenda answering questions from HDFC shareholders on the proposed Regulatory Agreement and facilitated the presentation of those questions to Ms. Chu. It was a very informative exchange. Special thanks to Ms. Tyson for her patience and perseverance in fielding and answering questions of HDFC shareholders in attendance.

- *Review/Discussion and Action on the Community Board 10 Resolution on the proposed Regulatory Agreement*

The Proposed Community Board 10 Resolution on the HDFC Regulatory Agreement is still in draft form and will be presented to the CB 10 Executive Meeting this month and then presented to the full Board for action in the May, 2017 meeting.

b. NYCHA Next Generation Plan:

- *Update by Housing Chair – Charles Powell on CB 10 Housing Committee’s Planned Forum on NYCHA Privatization and related NYCHA tenant concerns to be held in partnership with the Committee for Independent Community Action on Monday, May 22, 2017.*
- *Event will be a Special Housing Committee Meeting – all Committee members are asked to attend and promote.*

Dr. Jesse Fields of the Committee for Independent Community Action joined Chair Charles Powell in announcing and discussing the Special Housing Committee Meeting forum to be held on May 22, 2017 at the Harlem State Office Building (See Event Flyer in your Board Packet). This event will focus on NYCHA privatization and related tenant issues and concerns. All Board members and community residents are invited to attend.

c. Tenant Eviction Protection:

- *Report on CB 10 Free Legal Clinic held on March 15, 2017 and clinics to follow – Jason Clark*

The Hon. Jason Clark provided the Committee and guests with an excellent update of the first CB 10 Legal Clinic held on March 15, 2017 which focused on housing and eviction prevention. Mr. Clark indicated the tenants who attended the free legal clinic all received consultation and advice from attorneys present from the MFY Legal Services. Kudos to Jason for his diligence in organizing these important free legal clinics.

ALL IN ATTENDANCE WERE REMINDED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTENDING THE NEXT LEGAL CLINIC ON APRIL 19, 2017 FROM 6 TO 8 PM AND MANY INDICATED THEY WOULD ATTEND.

- *Welcome tenants involved in fighting predatory evictions and related problems within Esplanade Gardens and other housing developments – interactive discussion.*

In our last Committee meeting; our full Board meetings and meetings of tenant organizations and block associations, fighting wrongful and predatory evictions is a major issue and concern for our community and therefore for the Housing Committee. The Committee invited many members of the community to attend and they came out in numbers. Our beloved community members were allowed to express their concerns and desires for Community Board support. They were asked to continue to meet collectively and to attend our general Board meetings and of course the Housing Committee as we will have this matter on each meeting's agenda. In this regard, the goal of the Housing Committee is to receive the tenant complaints; respond to them individually and collectively where needed and develop strategies/resolutions/demands for corrective action.

d. *Presentation by WE-ACT For Environmental Justice*

The Housing Committee was pleased to welcome Charles Callaway and other representatives of WE-ACT for Environmental Justice who discussed the value/energy efficiency and affordability of solar energy heating for HDFC's and other housing developments. The representatives invited attendees to their weekly meetings and the Committee asked that they send their Power point presentation for distribution to the public guests in attendance and Committee members. The Housing Committee will have WE-ACT return for another presentation as there simply was not enough time in this one meeting.

4. Old/New Business/Announcements
5. Adjournment