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Hon. Charles Powell, Chair
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Hon. Danni Tyson, Chair HDFC Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 31, 2018 - 6:30 PM

Committee Members in Attendance (4): Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Joshua Clennon; Hon. Makeda Thompson

Excused (2): Hon. Danni Tyson; Hon. Shanelle Washington

Absent (3): Hon. Ibrahima Diafoune; Hon. Barbara Nelson; Hon. Lisa Downing

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Discussions:

A. HDFC Sub-Committee Report & Updates

- The Chair announced that as of the end of June, 2018, CB 10 Board Member Danni Tyson will no longer perform the duties of Chairperson of the HDFC Sub-Committee. Ms. Tyson's tireless contributions to the preservation, health and wellbeing of Central Harlem's HDFC's was acknowledged and it was stated that her position as Chair of the HDFC Sub-Committee will be hard to fill.
- As one of her final significant efforts as Chair of the HDFC Sub-Committee, Ms. Tyson has brought to the Housing Committee's attention and identified as an urgent action item the fact that certain Harlem HDFC's are being foreclosed on due to property tax liens. She along with Housing Committee member Donna Gill have identified the HDFC's that are at risk; have reached out to them and have scheduled an important resource meeting with them for Saturday, June 9th.

Donna Gill Reported

- “Six buildings in our district are at risk of third party transfer”
- “The CB 10 District office needs to create flyers and distribute them to the six affected buildings immediately. An emergency meeting will be held at our district office on Saturday June 9th 2018 at 10 am on the 4th floor. There is a July deadline and these buildings are in the last stages heading towards foreclosure. We would like to have NHS join us in this discussion as well”
- There needs to be a fact finding meeting for the Malcolm Shabazz Harlem Market on 116th street because there are whispers in the community that a deal may be in the works for a new developer to come in and replace the market with a residential building. Additionally, faith based organizations in general are having a hard time paying their bills which in turn lends itself to developers coming after their building’s “Air Rights”

B. Report on CB 10 Housing Committee Forum on Thursday, April 26, 2018

- In the absence of Shanelle Washington, Charles Powell reported on the Housing Committee Forum held on April 26th.
- He noted that CB 10 is looking to build on the momentum of our last event/ panel discussion on homelessness, poverty and displacement by engaging our constituents in further discussions regarding these issues.
- Mr. Powell recommends that “whenever we do events like this we need to make sure that they are recorded on Facebook Live so those who were not in attendance can still receive the valuable information.”
- CB 10 Assistant District manager Shatic Mitchell suggests, “We should engage the community better and promote our future events with the help of the Mayor’s Office Volunteer Strategy Department.”
- CB 10’s District office has created a Housing Guide to inform constituents of housing services that are available to them and it was handed out at the forum and is available for use otherwise.

C. Future of CB 10 Legal Assistance Workshops

- CB 10 will continue running the housing legal clinics in partnership with Mobilization for Justice, following the non-reappointment of CB 10 Board Member Jason Clark.
- Action Item: It is suggested and recommended that Housing Legal Clinic meetings will be moved to housing committee meeting days on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays.

3. Old/New Business/Announcements

- It was with great pleasure that we were able to introduce two new CB 10 Board Members - Mr. Joshua Clennon and Ms. Makeda Thompson.

Community Comments:

Gregory Baggett reported

- “We are still waiting for HPD to come back with a new & improved Regulatory Agreement.”
- “City council representatives are not supporting the existing proposed Regulatory Agreement”
- “We need to examine what the city is proposing as far as HDFC’s are concerned. We need to protect our most vulnerable tenants”
- “Randolph Park has become a hot-button topic once again. Hopefully between Ms. Gloria Wright, the Parks Department, the 28th precinct, Graham Court, and community engagement, we can come up with a resolution to the problems that have been happening at this location for some time now.”

Dr. K Samuels reported

- “Only 3 blocks in Harlem are designated as landmarked, making it easy for developers to come into Harlem and do what they want with the buildings”
- “The Housing Committee needs to publish documents on these issues, so that the community is aware of what is going on.”
- “HDFC’s are badly managed and the buildings are poorly monitored”

4. Announcements:

- June 10th 2pm Resource fair for Seniors Graduating from High School.

5. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:30