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## **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM**  
**215 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor.**

**Hon. Barbara J. Nelson, Acting-Chair**

Committee Attendees: Barbara Nelson Acting-Chair, Danni Tyson, Ashley Emerole, and Marquis Harrison.

Visitors: Ryan Day, Laura Moore, and Cynthia Seymore

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. District Needs Statement
3. Discussions:
  - a. NYC Public Advocates: Slum Landlords Watch List
4. Announcements
5. Adjournment

All Committee members introduced themselves to the visitors, as did the visitors. The District Needs Statement Abstract as it pertains to the Housing Committee; a listing of the Slum Landlords Watch List reporting the addresses in the Community Board 10 Community area was distributed.

A brief discussion began on “Mayor Di Blasio’s 5 Borough -10 year Housing Plan.” It is imperative that CB10’s Housing Committee connect with the Mayor’s staff, and the Borough Presidents office to monitor progress in our community. This discussion lead to a review of the District Needs Statement and the affordability of housing and the lack of follow up with the developments that exist and those that are planning to build in our community...

The committee attendance was poor and in order to participate in this and other endeavors, all committee member's engagement, assists in the movement of committee ideas and projects.

We discussed the possibility of developing a survey / poll to access information from the community and its residents regarding housing and affordability as it exists in their immediate areas.

Marquis Harrison and Ashley Emerole volunteered to develop a "Doodle Poll" that could be distributed via committees, general board meetings, events, including the use of Face Book and other digital media outreach.

This poll would generate questions and answers as it pertains to housing issues and affordability. I suggested that in the newer developments, we could canvass the existing residents to ascertain data based on AMI standards.

As it stands now, we do not follow up with the developments that come to our Land Use Committee and this would be a great way to establish and maintain follow up. I do not have knowledge of this data and if it exists the community would like to know how many CB10 residents applied and actually were given affordable housing in our community.

HDFC's were also discussed, and a possibility of regenerating another log with information on the existing HDFC's there status and how the new HPD guidelines affect the affordability of community resident to gain access to home ownership.

Danni Tyson agreed to obtain access to data to provide to the committee with the listings of upcoming buildings in our community. We also would like to participate as before as overseers of the elections of officers if requested by the board members of HDFC's.

We discussed the establishment of renewed guidelines from HPD accessible from the website, as well as through our contact at HPD (Ann Marie Henderson) who presented at our General Board Meeting. Clearly, the recognized failures of many of the current HDFC's relates to poor financial management and lack of adherence to established guidelines as it relates to HPD.

This committee acts on behalf of advocacy for the residents and this would be a better method of obtaining information and therefore connecting to the residents in the community, gathering of data that could become useful in the future especially in light of the Mayor's plan as it pertains to Housing in Community Board 10.

As these ideas and topics are in the planning stages, it is incumbent that the committee members attend and provide their expertise as it relates to Housing to fully facilitate this exploration and

move this committee forward. On that note, I would like to invite all the committee members to join us with ideas as well as commitments to engage in this process with us.

There were no announcements and therefore the meeting adjourned until next month, however, existing committee members are encouraged to connect with us via email and further explore our options as a committee.