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HOUSING COMMITTEE Minutes

**Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM
215 West 125th Street, 3rd Floor Conference room**

Hon. Barbara J. Nelson, Acting-Chair

Housing Committee Attendees: Barbara Nelson Acting-Chair, Danni Tyson, Kevin Bitterman, Donna Gill, Shanelle Washington

Board Members: Manny Rivera

Visitors: Julius Tajiddin, Vanessa Jones Hall, Freddie Melendez, Osei Ballesteros, Elizabeth Smith, A Kemp

Committee members introduced themselves to the visitors, as did the visitors. The meeting began with Chair Nelson discussing some committee queries such as the importance of the committee finding a concrete date, Co-Chair and Secretary.

Old business:

A discussion began on Affordable Housing and the possibility of creating surveys to determine the number of affordable housing units created within Central Harlem. The data can be used to assess how many units were able to be capitalized on by Community Board residents, have continued to maintain as affordable housing, or been transitioned into market rate.

Another discussion was held on the possibility of partnering with local banks to produce a Housing Forum geared towards residents within the community looking into these housing. The idea would be geared towards subjects such as the importance of credit, banking relationships, lotteries and funding for home buyers. Committee members discussed that the last one done was in 2011 and that HCCI, ADC, and Rev. Butler all helped to provide that service.

Also noted was that NYC HPD has been invited to present before the housing committee possibly for March on the current lottery system for apply for the affordable housing units.

Chair Nelson brought up the AMI Resolution as it pertains to the community now with inquiry as to the resolution speaking to what was deemed affordable but failed to include what was considered to be low income. With the city looking to pull Community Gardens to develop affordable housing it was deliberated whether there were options to amend the document. . Noted was that notification from HPD was not given to the Community Board 10 in regards to this matter which did not allow the board to give feedback on the issue. A question was raised about how this ties in with the Mayor's 10 year plan which requires communication with the Mayor and the Borough Presidents office.

New Business:

Presentation from Vanessa Jones Hall of the NYCHA Sandy Rebuilding Project Outreach team

Ms. Hall discussed the NYCHA Sandy Rebuilding Project's goal of repairing NYCHA developments affected by the storm and fortifying for future storms. As a result of Sandy a total of 35 developments suffered non-structural damage. Of those 35 two reside within Central Harlem, Wrangel and Harlem River houses. All those affected are encouraged to contact NYCHA. For more information about this program contact Dawn.Sanders@nycha.nyc.gov or 347-566-9242.

Ms. Hall also discussed the ACE program which stands for Architecture Construction and Engineering. ACE is a free after-school program for high school students within NYCHA developments that were damaged by Sandy who have an interest in learning about careers in Architecture Construction and Engineering. Program highlights are job opportunities, scholarship opportunities and skills development while working with mentors from developers and contractors working within the NYCHA developments. For more information about this program contact Yishan.Yao@nycha.nyc.gov or 347-566-9242.

Lastly, Ms. Hall discussed NYCHA's Office of Resident Economic Empowerment & Sustainability (REES) office which works to increase residents' economic opportunities through programming with a focus on employment, advancement, financial literacy, adult education, training, asset building and business development. REES information session are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 am at 787 Atlantic Ave 2nd floor Brooklyn, NY 11238. Contact for the program is 718-289-8100 or visit their website at <http://opportunityncha.org/>

There were no announcements and therefore the meeting adjourned.