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HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Housing Committee Meeting Notes

Present: Hon. Charles Powell, Chair; Hon. Donna Gill, Vice-Chair; Hon. Stephen Johnson; Hon. Shanelle Washington; Hon. Mari Moss

Excused: Hon. Deborah Yates; Hon. Gregory Baggett
Hon. Safiya Mann;

1. *Welcome and Introductions*

The Chair welcomed members of the Housing Committee including Board Member Mari Moss; Juanita Anderson, CB 10 District office; members of the community and invited guests.

2. *Mission and Purpose of Housing Committee*

The Chair gave a brief overview of the purpose of the Housing Committee in providing informational platforms for its members, constituents and community stakeholders. The Chair further addressed some of the constant and recurring issues that the committee has focused on and would continue to do so in this year, including but not limited to:

- Overall lack of truly affordable housing within the District that reflects not the federal government standard of Area Medium Income (AMI) but reflects the real levels of income of the majority of residents (reference was made to the report of Comptroller Scott Stringer which demonstrates a real income standards in the District well below that of the HUD AMI);
- The continued threat and reality of displacement of residents within the District from housing especially as it relates to the senior population within the District;
- Poor housing conditions especially with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA).
- Lack of affordable home ownership opportunity and the the threa of fewer cooperative units due to the issues with the City's Tenant Interim Leasing Program (TIL) and other issues with HDFCs.

3. *Updates*

The Chairs and members of the Housing Committee reviewed and discussed two pertinent topics that are pertinent to issues before us today and in the future; to wit:

- 2019 City and State Rent Regulation Legislation – where all agreed that these laws need to be dissected and analyzed in greater detail to determine the impact of these laws to date on tenants and landlords alike.
- CB 10 Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) Resolution – which is now relevant to the proposed Lenox Terrace Redevelopment and beyond

It was agreed that these matters will be added to future meeting agendas and that the Committee will ask housing specialists and stakeholders to attend and present at our future meetings.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

“Beyond Rosies” – Lincoln Correctional Facility

Representatives of *the Women’s Community Justice Association* made a presentation on the organization’s proposed use of the now closed Lincoln Correctional Facility. A copy of this Powerpoint presentation is available for members of the Board to view and read. The Housing Committee was not asked to take action on this presentation which was also made to the Health and Human Services Committee and will also be presented to the Public Safety Committee for consideration.

“Unlawful Developoment” Report

Julius Tajiddin gave an excellent report to the Committee on critical issues and possible illegalities relating to ongoing developments at 56 W. 125th Street and 362 W. 125th Street. Mr. Tajiddin has done a considerable amount of direct research on these two developments and has reached out to the CB 10 Board to provide pertinent information regarding the abuses of those developing these sites and to ask for direct action and assistance in addressing same. The Housing Committee agreed to take the matter to the Executive Committee of the Board and to work with the Land Use Committee on recommended next steps. Mr. Tajiddin is to be complimented on his efforts to date and for being the “eyes, ears and conscience” of our community on such wrongful conduct of builders. The Housing Committee looks forward to working with him further on these important issues.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm/