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Housing Committee Minutes

Monday, December 18, 2017

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

Attendees: Charles Powell; Donna Gill; Barbara Nelson, Jason Clark, Shanelle Washington, Aleah Gathings

Excused: Danni Tyson; Derrick Graham; Ibrahima Diafoune

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Earl Keller; Mark Bones

AGENDA

1. The meeting convened at 6:34pm with a welcome and introductions.
2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of November 27, 2017 Committee Meeting
3. Discussions:
 - a. Update and Discussion of Future Forums/Workshops of HDFC Sub-Committee (C. Powell)
 - Sub-Committee Chair Danni Tyson will report out at a future Housing Committee Meeting.
 - b. Report and Discussion on Plans for Forums/Workshops by Future Displacement Sub-Committee Chair (S. Washington)
 - When formally organized, the Displacement Committee is planning to convene meetings the second Tuesday of every other month starting in January 2018.
 - Key Dates:
 - March 2018 - Proposed forum on home ownership; specific date TBD.
 - April 26, 2018 - Proposed date for screening of documentary entitled "Poverty, Politics, and Profits." The documentary is one hour and a discussion will follow.
 - Purpose: To raise awareness and seek solutions about the voucher crisis in NYC.

- The Housing Committee is calling on community members to join the Committee in attendance at the screening, and the Committee seeks to join with/involve CB 9, 11, and 12 in planning the forum.
 - More information on the April screening is forthcoming.
- c. Continuation of Discussion of Sub-Committee Creation and Nomination/Selection of Community Members to Sub-Committees (C. Powell)
- Continued discussion on consideration of community members joining Housing Committee.
 - The Committee is open to identifying a formal vetting process, in compliance with bylaws and with requisite approvals, to formally onboard potential community candidates.
 - The BP's Office presented the idea at a recent Borough Board Meeting.
 - Chair C. Powell brought the idea to the Housing Committee for discussion at the November Committee meeting.
 - The question was also raised at the November Executive Committee meeting, where support for the idea was expressed.
 - The Housing Committee now seeks to nominate/appoint community members as part of the creation of a NYCHA Sub-Committee.
 - More thought and discussion will be given to the on-boarding process at future meeting.
4. Update on 95 Lenox Avenue Tenants Association (Lisa Harris, President of Tenants' Association)
- No meeting scheduled with new management to date.
 - It is possible that the playgrounds will not be reopened

Update on Esplanade Gardens - No update given at the Committee Meeting

5. Old/New Business/Announcements
- New Business: Meeting with the Honorable Senator Brian Benjamin's Office (S. Washington)
 - Purpose: To explore issues related to the appraisal industry - with a focus on reasons for the low participation of minorities in the industry.
 - Assemblywoman Inez Dickens also expressed an interest in a future meeting.
 - The Mayor's office will schedule meeting with SBS about funding for vouchers.
- The Committee notes that no representative from HPD attended the December 18th Housing Committee meeting.
 - The Committee also notes that no representatives from any elected officials' offices attended the December 18th Housing Committee meeting.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.