

**DATE: March 21, 2011**  
**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 6:40 PM**

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**Community Board #9 Housing Committee**  
Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Location: Broadway Houses - 583 Riverside Drive, 7<sup>th</sup> floor (Penthouse)**

**Chair:** Hon. Monique White, **Asst. Chair:** Hon. Alyson Gordon-Browner

**Present:** Hon. Callie Branche, Hon. Barbara Marshall, Hon. Ernestine Welch, Hon. Vicki Gholson,

**Absent:** Hon. M. Alcantara, Hon. J. Arrendell and Hon. A. Robinson

**Other Board Member(s):** LaQuita Henry

**Reports/Presentations/Updates:** Due to time of correspondence the following items were not discussed nor presenters present-**631 W.152nd Street, 8 St. Nicholas Terrace, 644 Riverside Drive –Third Party Transfer.**

**Note\*** Due to malfunction of device recorder minutes were not recorded electronically but manually

**SUMMARY:**

**Discussion**

Meeting opened with a change in agenda concerning (IV) (1)**631 W.152nd Street, (renovation issues)(2)8 St. Nicholas Terrace, and (3) 644 Riverside Drive (Third Party Transfer Program).** Due to time restraints parties were not notified in sufficient time in order for a response. Items on the agenda were moved to place on April 17, 2011Housing Committee agenda. Follow-up is being made by **Barbara Marshall (644 Riverside Drive), and Alyson Gordon-Browner (8 St. Nicholas and 631 West 152<sup>nd</sup> Street) the 149<sup>th</sup> Street matter.** It was moved up to the beginning of the meeting. It must be noted that there was a statement made to the fact that this was probably not a Housing matter. The main issues were discussed including demolition, citations, sidewalk interruptions, and sanitation. The resident of the building next door explained problems caused by the demolition. Among the complaints were compromised building integrity, the unresponsiveness of the owner, unauthorized building defacement and safety issues.

A number of suggestions were put forward which the Housing Committee can have as presenters for outcome/updates of old busines

## Correspondence via email

- Noted\*- management company notified representative of **631 W. 152<sup>nd</sup> Street** with a contact name from **(HPD) Gene Chin.(3/14/11)-update**
- The Board of Directors (**644 Riverside Drive**) at the time was scheduled on December's calendar (2010) never confirmed. They Re-quested to be placed on January's Agenda (1/24/11) housing Committee Chair requested confirmation prior and would have them placed on February's calendar upon confirmation. Clients were scheduled for February meeting and stated they were at **( 583 Broadway)** unaware location had changed due to **meeting** for @ 3333 Broadway

## OLD BUSINESS

- The tenants of **8 St. Nicholas** advocated for themselves concerning matters such as relocation to a different district and information sharing. Mr. Notice also agreed to notify the Board of the proceedings of which we have no present information.
- **WGHA (2010)** was issued a request to supply a form of support letter to the Board. HPD was responsible to submit a draft to the Board in order for support. Follow-up needs to be done
- Follow-up on status of residents forming advisory board(s) and sessions held.
- The Housing Committee agreed in October (**2010**) to be in attendance to oversee the matter. **WHGA** and **HPD (2010)** were also to be in attendance.
- **Homestead Project (2010)** outcome and effect on community
- Hon. Ernestine Welch suggested committee re-visit request (**2010**) to continue to support paragraph (1) regarding **TIL** and **HDFC**.
- Committee stressed that affordable housing should be maintained in the community.

A request should be put forth that representatives from the following parties be present for all Housing Committee meetings:

- a) Neighboring housing developments
- b) HPD representative to be present at all meetings
- c) NYCHA
- d) Community developers
- e) EDC asked to make presentation
- f) HCCI
- g) Broadway Housing
- h) **HDFC's-Overview Economically under guard**

- i) HDDC
- j) Local CBO's update
- k) Concerns surrounding residents of 3333 Broadway
- l) Local Developers to be on record what problems needs and visions(advocate)
- m) Laquita to assist HDDC
- n) NYCHA

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- May Town Hall Meeting
- Redefine Housing Committee and its functions
- Schedule Sub-committee meeting April 5, 2011 (old Broadway office) @6:00pm

A motion was placed on the floor to move the committee meetings to Tuesday

## **VOTE TALLY:**

**AII IN FAVOR/0 OPPOSED/0 ABSTAINED**

## **COMMITTEE GOALS**

- I. Meet with former Chairperson(s) of Housing for an information exchange.
- II. Maintain affordable housing that meets the district criteria
- III. Have HPD supply full disclosure of current and pending projects concerning but not limited to:
  - a. TIL and HDFC
  - b. Number of buildings folding for lack of money/funding many are neglected/in disrepair
- IV. 197-A sent to all city agencies affect to know what this means for us.
- V. Town Hall meeting for 3333 Broadway, Grant Houses, and Manhattan Ville and become proactive in the matter
  - Promote visibility of CB #9 in the community
  - Set up town hall meeting for May invite residents of surrounding community make community aware of the situation at hand. This includes what may be foreseen in the future.
  - Promote political visibility and awareness by having Politicians attend meetings

- Get flyers out to all residents in the surrounding communities

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- Bring back NEP developers who are not maintaining their buildings
- It is noted tenants not aware of their rights suffer for lack of knowledge. Also noted is the demand that a translator should be in attendance to overcome any language barriers that might exist.

**MEETING END: 7:56 PM**

**Please Note: the next meeting will be held April 18, 2011 at (6:30 pm), at Broadway Houses, 586 Riverside Drive@135<sup>th</sup> Street on the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor (penthouse).**