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**Public & Transitional Housing Committee Minutes**

**February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Daniel Barber, Committee Chairperson**

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**Meeting Introduction and Initial Remarks**

- Committee Chairperson Daniel Barber calls the meeting to order and introduces himself as the chair.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber apologizes for his tardiness and mentions the last meeting's topic about the asylum seekers and emergency shelter on Bruckner Boulevard.

**Community Concerns and Historical Context**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber discusses the community's opposition to the shelter and the over-concentration of shelters within Community Board 1.
- He criticizes the rezoning that changed the district from the poorest to a less impoverished area.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber emphasizes the committee's stance against shelters and their commitment to the community.
- He stresses the importance of transparency and the need for the community to exercise their rights and voices.

**Challenges and Community Empowerment**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber talks about the need for the community to demand more from their elected officials and government.
- He shares personal anecdotes and quotes to highlight the importance of standing up for oneself and the community.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber discusses the historical context of the district and the political changes that have affected the community.
- He emphasizes the need for unity and the power of collective action in addressing community issues.

### **Housing and Shelter Issues**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber mentions the various shelters in the community and the need for a site visit to understand the situation better.
- He discusses the importance of community involvement and the role of the district manager in coordinating the site visit.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber highlights the need for the community to be informed and engaged in decisions affecting them.
- He emphasizes the importance of transparency and accountability in government actions.

### **Political Dynamics and Community Engagement**

- Herman Francis Jr. discusses the political dynamics and the challenges faced by the community.
- He mentions the council person's role in the decision-making process and the impact on the community.
- Herman Francis Jr. emphasizes the need for the community to stay informed and engaged in political processes.
- He highlights the importance of community involvement in shaping the future of the district.

### **Site Visit and Community Involvement**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan recaps the discussion about the site visit and the need for community members to participate.
- He provides details about the shelter's capacity, security measures, and the role of Garner Property Management.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan emphasizes the importance of community input and the need for transparency in the shelter's operations.
- He discusses the challenges faced by the community and the need for a collaborative approach to address these issues.

### **Future Meetings and Community Coordination**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber discusses the tentative date for the next meeting and the importance of coordinating with other committees.
- He emphasizes the need for a joint meeting with the Public Service Committee and the municipal committee to discuss police coverage.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber highlights the importance of community surveys and data collection to understand the community's needs and concerns.
- He stresses the need for a collaborative approach to address community issues and the importance of community involvement in decision-making processes.

### **Police Coverage and Community Safety**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber discusses the challenges faced by the community in terms of police coverage and the impact on community safety.
- He emphasizes the need for a fair distribution of police resources and the importance of community input in police deployment decisions.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber highlights the importance of transparency and accountability in police actions and the need for a collaborative approach to address community safety concerns.
- He discusses the historical context of police coverage in the community and the need for reforms to ensure fair and effective policing.

### **Community Engagement and Advocacy**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber emphasizes the importance of community engagement and advocacy in addressing community issues.
- He discusses the need for a collaborative approach to address community concerns and the importance of community involvement in decision-making processes.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber highlights the role of community members in shaping the future of the district and the importance of their voices in government actions.
- He emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in government actions and the importance of community involvement in holding government accountable.

### **Closing Remarks and Adjournment**

- Committee Chair Daniel Barber thanks everyone for their participation and emphasizes the importance of community involvement in addressing community issues.
- He highlights the need for a collaborative approach to address community concerns and the importance of community input in decision-making processes.
- Committee Chair Daniel Barber emphasizes the importance of transparency and accountability in government actions and the need for community involvement in holding government accountable.
- The meeting is adjourned with a reminder of the importance of community engagement and advocacy in addressing community issues.

### **Action Items**

- Schedule a site visit to the temporary emergency shelter on Bruckner Boulevard.
- Coordinate a joint meeting with the Public Safety, Municipal Services, and Policy committees to discuss police coverage and services in the community.