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**Public & Transitional Housing Committee Minutes**

**October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Daniel Barber, Committee Chairperson**

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**Introductions and Meeting Overview**

- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental introduces himself as the chair of the meeting in the absence of Daniel Barber and calls for introductions.
- Jayne Buxton, Diana, Tiffany, and Herman Francis Jr. introduce themselves as new guests or community residents interested in the committee's work.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan reminds everyone to speak clearly for the recording system and mentions the live broadcast on YouTube.
- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental begins with old business, discussing the Bruckner migrant facility and its current state.

**Bruckner Migrant Facility Issues**

- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental describes his experience of seeing men hanging out under the Bruckner Expressway, littering, and a lack of police presence.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the administration's agreement to open a 2700-bed migrant facility in their district and the subsequent lack of access to tour the facility.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions the facility's growth to include women and children, and the concerning activities happening along the highway.
- The committee discusses the need for adequate housing resources, services, and public safety for the migrants at the facility.

**Community Concerns and Actions**

- Member Herman Francis Jr. shares his observations from a fortification council meeting, mentioning the policy of having a car stationed at the site.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin questions the number of migrants in the shelter and suggests the need for designated outdoor spaces for activities.

- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental suggests asking how many people are currently housed at the shelter and developing a letter with pointed questions for the administration.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin mentions the Legal Aid Society's role in monitoring shelters and the need for better communication and resources for the residents.

#### **NYCHA Update and Community Board Involvement**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the incident at the Mitchell House in 19 development, including the explosion and subsequent issues with heat, hot water, and gas.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin adds details about the boiler explosion, the gas leak, and the integrity test failures in multiple buildings.
- The committee discusses the need for NYCHA to provide a plan of action and the importance of community board involvement in addressing these issues.
- Member Herman Francis Jr. and Dalourny Nemorin emphasize the need for better maintenance and communication with residents, and the potential for rent credits for affected tenants.

#### **Street Homelessness and Department of Homeless Services**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the advocacy efforts to get the Department of Homeless Services to address street homelessness in their district.
- The committee discusses the centralized system for street homeless services and the need for better outreach and support for unhoused individuals.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin highlights the legal rights to shelter and the need for better coordination and communication with service providers.
- The committee plans to invite representatives from the Department of Homeless Services to a future meeting to discuss these issues in more detail.

#### **Community Advisory Boards and Shelter Locations**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan mentions the importance of community advisory boards for shelters and the need for transparency in shelter locations.
- The committee discusses the historical context of shelter placements and the political considerations involved in choosing locations.
- Member Dalourny Nemorin emphasizes the need for voter turnout and community engagement to address these issues effectively.
- The committee plans to continue advocating for better resources and services for homeless individuals and families in their district.

#### **New Shelter Announcement and Community Reactions**

- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental announces a new shelter planned for 780 East 130th Street, with a capacity for 107 families with children, to be operated by Nica.
- The committee discusses the need for community advisory boards and the importance of transparency in shelter operations.

- Member Dalourny Nemorin suggests checking the quality of service providers and the potential for switching providers if necessary.
- The committee plans to monitor the situation closely and ensure that the new shelter meets the needs of the community.

#### **Discussion on 311 Complaints and Community Impact**

- Member Dalourny Nemorin discusses the significance of 311 complaints, highlighting that buildings with the most complaints likely have issues that need addressing.
- A guest questions the district manager's perspective on running services as business opportunities rather than community support.
- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental mentions the upcoming committee discussion and the deadline for questions, which is Friday.
- Herman Francis Jr. and others discuss the advocacy for a shelter and the importance of understanding who is pushing for it.

#### **Preparation for November Discussion**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan outlines the process for preparing questions for the November discussion with the street homeless deputy commissioner and the associate commissioner for shelter operations.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the definition of shelters and the services and resources provided, including non-traditional methods.
- He emphasizes the importance of submitting questions by Friday and the process of compiling and assigning questions to committee members.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan provides an email address for submitting questions and advises verifying the sender's identity to avoid confusion.

#### **Final Remarks and Adjournment**

- Committee Vice Chair Michael Pimental asks if anyone has additional comments and confirms the need for no motion to adjourn.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder to submit questions by Friday for the November discussion.

#### **Action Items**

- Develop a letter with pointed questions for the city about the Bruckner migrant facility, including the current number of residents and the city's plans for oversight and services.
- Invite NYCHA leaders to the next committee meeting to discuss the issues at the Mitchell Houses and the broader NYCHA portfolio in the district.
- Compile questions for the Department of Social Services and the Department of Homeless Services to address at the next committee meeting, including about street outreach, shelter operations, and the equitable distribution of shelters across the city.