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HOUSING/LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair	John Snider
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, November 13, 2018
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ John Snider ✓ Erick Ascensio ✓ Sandra Erickson ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Helene Redd Snider ✓ Barbara Stronczer
Minutes Done By:	John Snider

Minutes:

I. Review of last month's minutes

II. Introductions

- a) The meeting was called to order by Committee chairperson, John Snider. A brief introduction of attendees was held and it was determined that we had enough committee members presence to have a quorum.

III. Follow-up from previous month

- a) A follow up discussion was held regarding a complaint brought to attention of the board by residents of the Bedford Park Manor located at 2987 Webster Avenue. We received conflicting outcomes to the status of the complaint. There were some who said the bulk of issues have been resolved while others said the issues were still outstanding. An invitation will go out to management and residents to attend the January's Housing Committee meeting.

IV. New Business

- a) CAMBA Housing Venture gave a presentation on a proposed housing project located at 257-271 East 202nd Street and 258-278 East 203rd Street. The buildings will have 235 units of housing with 10 percent of the units set aside for homeless families and single adults. A large of local community residents were presence with the vast majority of them voicing their opinion in opposition to the project. Some of their concerns were but limited to the following:
 - 1. Increase amount of traffic on a very narrow street, especially during construction.



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2. Increase demand for parking for the new residents and staff, currently, there is a high demand for parking already.
 3. The impact the buildings will have on the local schools which are already overcrowded.
- b) The representative, Ted Weinstein from HPD, expressed concerns about the buildings as well. Many residents of the community expressed concerns about how there was a fire at the old property that's still under investigation.
- c) A motion was brought to the floor to not to support the project as it stands and the motion was approved overwhelmingly.
1. **Motion:** A letter be sent to HPD and our elected officials stating that the projects slated for 257-71 East 202nd Street and 258-78 East 203rd Street as presented is not supported by Bronx Community Board #7. Concerns include the density of these buildings on such a narrow street, lack of any parking and the effect a project of this size would have on city services for the neighborhood.
 - The motion was seconded by Eric Ascencio. The motion will be voted on at the November's General Board Meeting.
- d) Ray Miranti expressed an interest in converging a property located at 3306-3308 Steuben Avenue into a residential property.
- e) Finally, a discussion was had about supporting a bill in the city council and co-authored by Councilman Salamanca that all new apartment buildings that receives city funding and or tax credits must set aside 15% of its units for the homeless. It was noted that currently the city requires builders to set aside 10% of the units. The topic was tabled until the January's meeting for further discussion.

V. Adjournment – The meeting was closed at 8:15pm with a motion to adjourn the meeting.