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HOUSING, LAND USE & ZONING COMMITTEE

Chair	John Snider
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, May 14, 2019
Meeting Time:	6:30pm
Meeting Location:	Sister Annunciata Bethell Senior Center 243 E. 204 th St. Bronx, NY 10458
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Snider <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick Ascencio <input type="checkbox"/> Sandra Erickson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Edgar Ramos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stronczer
Minutes Done By:	John Snider

Minutes:

I. Introductions

II. Review of last month's minutes

- a. A brief discussion and review of April's minutes that included a preview of our September's meeting that will focus on Preferential Rent and the high Eviction Rate in Community Board 7

III. Follow-up from previous month

IV. New Business

- a. CAMBA Housing Ventures came before the committee for the second time regarding a proposed affordable housing located at 257-271 East 202nd Street and 258-278 East 203rd Street between Valentine and Briggs Avenues.
 - 1. Chief spoke person for CAMBA, David Rowe stated both buildings collectively will have a combined 363 units with a mix of studio, 1, 2, 3, bedroom apartments. In addition, CAMBA is proposing to set aside a total of 112 lottery units for residents of Community Board 7.
 - 2. The buildings will have a host of amenities such as, 24 hour security, a through block driveway for pick-ups, drop-offs, and loading.
 - 3. There will be minimum parking space offered to tenants of the building (6) and no designated parking for staff who elect to drive to work.
 - 4. Furthermore, CAMBA stated that they will offer members of Community Board 7 free tutorial on how to navigate the NYC Housing Connect Program.



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5. Some of the concerns brought up by my residents of the community were as follows:

- The impact the buildings will have on the already overcrowded schools in the community. Mr. Rowe promised to provide the board with some comparative data on how the buildings may or may not impact on the school systems.
- 202nd and 203rd Streets are very narrow and many board members as well as residents expressed their concerns about the traffic problems that may occur especially during the construction phase of the project and there was no concrete answer given to address this concern.
- Finally, it was pointed out by both the District Manager and Board President that this is an "As of Right Project" that the developers can build whatever they chose to place on the property.

V. Discussion on next month's agenda

VI. Next month's meeting date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019

VII. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8pm