



THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



RUBEN DIAZ, JR., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

PAUL FOSTER, CHAIRMAN

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Presentation from Mr. Athanasios Karathansis (Tommy Karas) from "2nd Chance Solutions, Inc.":
 - A) He requested a letter of support from CB 7 for his funding application for OASIS. This funding would provide social services for the residents at his facility.
 - B) Mr. Karas is the Building Owner of 3323 Steuben Avenue, Bronx. At this location, he runs transitional housing for homeless individuals. These men have been released from long term inpatient drug rehabilitation residential treatment as well as men coming from shelters and local hospital emergency rooms. Mr. Karas said they can hold up to 30 men in this legal 2 family house.
 - C) Dr. Elijah Bell, who presented at the public session at our October full board meeting, later joined Mr. Karas at our Housing meeting to provide further details concerning this transitional facility. The committee members had several concerns and questions for both Mr. Karas and Dr. Bell.
 - 1) We asked for additional proof that this program can legally operate at this location as it appears the current use may be contrary to the existing C of O.
 - 2) Also, we requested letters of recommendation from several of the local hospital social workers that he mentioned have used his services. The committee will await this additional documentation prior to moving forward on this request.
- II) The committee was provided an informative update on Tracey Towers by Ms. Jean Hill
- III) Sandra Erickson presented details on the new requirements at NYC HPD regarding apartment CO Detectors as well as an update on the "Clean Halls" Program for buildings plagued with Drug trafficking and other issues.
- IV) Also discussed was the approval at the 10/16 full board meeting of a Letter of Support for "The Bedford" at 3160-66 Webster Avenue. The letter of support (LOS) is scheduled to be issued to the developer after the motion remains on the CB website until Monday, 10/22/12.
- V) Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM