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# NYCHA & Housing Committee Meeting Summary January 7, 2025

**Board Members Present:** Antoinette Vereen, Anne Johnson, Loretta Masterson, Esther Ford (non-committee member)

#### I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The NYCHA & Housing Committee represents the community's interests with regards to housing related matters and concerns, namely in relation to NYCHA, and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York City Housing Authority as well as local property owners and management teams.

## 1. Speakers

- A. Christopher A. Riddick, Greg Scott Foundation Not present, CB9 sent follow-up email.
- B. Javier S. Torres, Samaritan Village
  Not present, rescheduled for presentation in March

#### 2. New Business

### A. Committee Meeting Time Revision Proposal

The committee would like to request committee meetings to be hybrid (virtual and in person) to mimic meeting style during the pandemic when turnout was greater. Unfortunately, the Open Meetings Law allows for only 2 circumstances for videoconferencing technology to conduct an open meeting: connecting multiple physical locations that are open to in-person public attendance and allowing a member of a public body to participate from a private location through videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances, however a minimum number of members must be present in person to fulfill the public body's quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations (open to the public). Therefore, as a result of these mandates, CB9 has not voted in favor of hybrid meetings at this time.

- **B.** Committee Chair Antoinette Vereen and Leshonda Belton from Sotomayor Houses informed the committee that Rep AOC is donating one million dollars to the Sotomayor Center for much needed repairs both inside and outside of the building (basketball courts) as well as obtaining funding for the Bronx River House's playground.
- C. Vice Chair Anne Johnson informed the committee that residents of Clason Point were experiencing sewer back up in some of the houses and couldn't reach their TA President for help. VC Johnson helped escalate the matter to NYCHA and repairs are currently being conducted.
- **D.** Discussion regarding new plans for 2025 projected events/community affairs
- **E.** Is the senior building on 1630 E. 174th street going to be rebuilt for more available housing in our district?

- F. February Agenda Items
- John White, Senior Capital Projects Coordinator is scheduled to present at the Feb Committee Meeting on on-going Capital Projects and Planned Projects.
- Request for REES Program presentation at future committee meeting.

#### 3. Notifications

- A. NYC Comptroller's NYCHA Accountability Virtual Webinar January 13, 2025.
  - https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\_akJ8nzBJTuKFv0xnLr1Okw#/
- B. CB BX 24DCP033Y Revised Technical Memorandum 002 for City of Yes Housing Opportunity
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  - As per Committee Chair Antoinette, as per the City of Yes newly allocated 80,000 apartments how many are affordable housing? How many are low income housing? How many new apartments will be in our district (on Randall Avenue between and White Plains Road and Theriot Avenue)?
- G. Summary of NYC Council's City for All Investments and Modifications to Zoning for Housing Opportunity (ZHO) Citywide Text Amendment <a href="https://council.nyc.gov/land-use/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2024/11/ZHO-COUNCIL-MODS-SUMMARY.pdf">https://council.nyc.gov/land-use/wp-content/uploads/sites/53/2024/11/ZHO-COUNCIL-MODS-SUMMARY.pdf</a>
- H. 2040 McGraw Ave Affordable Housing Open for Application (until Jan 10th)