

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
ECONOMIC/WATERFRONT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
JUNE 17, 2013

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT:

N. BERK-RAUCH
A. KOZYR

N. COX
R. LUFTGLASS

V. HERMANIA
L. SONES

EXCUSED:

R. BASHNER
D. KIKEL
M. SCOTT

F. BROWN
J. FRANCIS
D. SCOTTO

E. DEMETRIOU
P. MINDLIN

ABSENT:

L. BUFFINGTON
L. DEROSA
D. ORTIZ

R. CERVONE
A. KRASNOW

A. DAVILA
G. O'CONNELL

GUESTS:

D. BUXBAUM
L. MIRIAM

R. CROWLEY

V. MILNE

*** MINUTES ***

Presentation and discussion with a representative for the Mayor's Office of Housing Recovery Operations on the NYC Build it Back program, a new City program to assist homeowners, landlords and tenants whose homes were impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

NYC Build it back. 4 Pathways

Repair, Rebuild, Reimburse, Acquisition

Questions about whether you have to build to building code.

If it wasn't conforming to building code, need to bring it up to building code.

If substantially damaged and in flood zone, need to rebuild to code for flood location.

Anyone with any damages should register.

Applicants will be assigned a Housing Recovery Specialist "Case Worker" to help resident find pathway to unmet needs. The main goal is to get back to previous livable state.

Acquisition used on very limited basis similar to state buyout program. State can't redevelop properly (pre-storm value). City can redevelop. No eminent domain. Purchasing based on post storm value.

Question:

If in acquisition but not affected, is it eligible to be acquired?

Answer:

Probably not going to happen in our area, because it's in our area where homes vacated and not able to come back.

Reimbursement pathway won't happen until further notice down the road maybe next round.

Priority target about 8,300 (most need, most damaged).

All federal money administered by the city.

Current effect is to reach out to the affected homes. Through summer, interviews start in July.

Priority Pathway: Rebuild, Repair.

Question:

How can CB help reach target audience? Is there a cutoff date for registering?

Answer:

Not set in stone but late September.

Multi-unit not a grant, but low interest loan.

From DOF

Taxable value decreased in neighborhood.

Prerequisite for any type of damage, can register. Not income level of damage.

If didn't apply for FEMA cannot register for this program.

Only for primary residences.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes were submitted by Rick Luftglass