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HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 22, 2018- 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Hon. Charles Powell, Hon. Donna Gill, Hon. Danni Tyson, Hon. Shanelle Washington, Hon. Deborah Yates, Hon. Safiya Mann, Hon. Dominique Mejia, Hon. Makeda Thompson

Excused: Hon. Steven Johnson;

Absent: Hon. Ibrahima Diafoune; Hon. Michael Downie

1. Welcome/Introductions

Charles Powell called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM and welcomed the members of the Committee in attendance; the guest presenters for the meeting and members of the Community.

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of June 25, 2018 Committee Meeting was deferred.

3. Meeting Discussions:

a. Welcome of New Board Members to the Housing Committee

The Housing Committee is pleased to welcome the addition of the following new members to our Committee: Hon. Deborah Yates, Hon. Safiya Mann, Hon. Dominique Mejia, Hon. Makeda Thompson, Hon. Steven Johnson and Hon. Michael Downie. The Chair and other standing members of the Committee acknowledge the value of the anticipated contributions of its new members.

b. Committee Structure/Focus and Assignments.

The Chair and the Committee members discussed the importance of now having a working committee to perform the important work we have been assigned to, including but not limited to:

- Building upon and strengthening the work of the HDFC Sub-Committee and it was suggested and agreed by all that the support of HDFC's is one

of, if not the most important work the Committee will perform during this period of September, 2018 until June, 2019 (and beyond);

- This year the Housing Committee will continue to fight against NYCHA privatization through its direct support and collaboration with NYCHA Tenant Associations and other city-wide and local organizations. In addition to the battle against privatization, the Housing Committee will continue to highlight, relate to and assist tenants within NYCHA developments in their daily struggles against unhealthy conditions (lead paint, rodent infestation and mold to name a few) and to provide more rapid response and assistance to those residents;
- On the issue of displacement (which relates to all forms of private and public tenants), CB 10 will continue its monthly legal workshops with the assistance of the attorneys from Mobilization for Justice and will continue, through its District Office (and beyond) to support and advocate for succession rights; fight against predatory landlord practices (such as preferential rental rate hikes, etc.);
- Overall, the Housing Committee will work with the CB 10 Land Use Committee to ensure that future developments that come before it for ULURP approval adhere to our joint Mandatory Inclusionary Housing requirements for more and deeper affordable housing and to further ensure that when these developments are built they will relate to real income levels within the community and not just the arbitrary and indefensible Area Median Income (AMI) levels (which we object to).

c. Plans for community forums and collaborations with other CB 10 Committees

It was agreed to by all Board members present that this year the Housing Committee will look to do more collaborations with other CB 10 Committees to include for example:

- Continuing to work with the CB 10 Public Safety Committee with and around more safety issues relating to public and private housing – to advocate for better public lighting and enforcement of regulations and laws which protect tenants within their premises and in public areas from violence and public nuisances;
- Continuing to work with the Parks Committee on protecting and preserving our community gardens and creating and maintaining a balance between parks/gardens and affordable housing being developed;
- Continuing to work with the Education Committee on issues relating to children in public schools (such as Wadleigh Middle and High School) who are homeless and in shelters;
- Continuing to work with the Land Use Committee on adherence with our MIH Joint Resolution as indicated above;

- Working with the CB 10 Seniors Task Force on programs relating to our senior population and their housing needs.

d. NY Housing Planning Webpage/Tool

The Committee reviewed a new and important Housing Planning Tool that was developed by the NYU Furman Center to assist housing organizations in the planning and development of long term solutions. It was agreed that the Committee would study the use of this tool for our activities and for use by the District Office in its more rapid response to constituent housing needs. More to come on this subject in the near future.

e. CB 10 Housing Committee Contributions to CB 10 District Needs Statement

It was agreed that the Chair (with the assistance of the District Office) would provide Committee members with last year's submission in a Google Doc format for their suggestions and comments and that Committee members would weigh in with contributions for this document which is due on October 31, 2018 (unless that time is extended).

4. Old/New Business/Announcements

The Committee used this time to hear from the Community as to what they felt our priorities and focus should be for this term and to have them weigh in on district needs. It was a very robust exchange between Committee members and the community.

5. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.