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HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of

Monday, November 27, 2017

Hon. Charles Powell, Chair
Hon. Donna Gill, Vice-Chair
Hon. Danni Tyson, Chair HDFC Sub-Committee

Attendees: Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Barbara Nelson, Hon. Shanelle Washington, Hon. Aleah Gathings; Hon. Michelle Booker (non-Committee Member) attended

Excused: Hon. Danni Tyson, Hon. Derrick Graham; Hon. Jason Clark

Committee Members Not in Attendance; Hon. Earl Keller; Hon. Mark Bones;

1. Welcome/Introductions

- a. The meeting convened at 6:31pm with a welcome and introductions.

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of September 25, 2017 Committee Meeting

3. Discussions:

- a. Agenda Item: Presentation of HDFC Sub-Committee – Chair Hon. Charles Powell, Vice Chair Hon. Donna Gill

i. Report on recent meetings with NYC HPD (Vice Chair D. Gill)

1. The Vice Chair and the Chair of the HDFC Sub-Committee met with HPD about the new regulatory agreement and raised concerns about the lack of input from shareholders.

2. A reported 70 buildings are currently in court with the Dept. of Finance.

3. The Housing Committee plans to ask for a/an:

- a. Moratorium from HPD,

- b. Formal comment period on the new regulatory agreement, and
 - c. Increase in education provided to buildings in foreclosure (e.g., morning and evening trainings).
 - ii. Report on recent forum on HDFCs held by State Senator Brian Benjamin – tabled for a future meeting
 - iii. Discussion on future forums and workshops needed.
 - 1. The Committee will be more intentional about planning ongoing, future housing forums and/or workshops.
 - iv. Follow up presentation by Neighborhood Housing Services (“NHS”) – tabled for a future meeting with brief comments
 - 1. Identify affirmative actions for NHS to take.
 - 2. Example: Formal, written notice to buildings in foreclosure.
- b. Agenda Item: Continuation of Discussion of Committee Goals & Objectives and Focus for September to June 2018
 - i. Discussion on consideration of community members joining Housing Committee – Roles and Responsibilities (C. Powell)
 - 1. The Committee is open to identifying a formal vetting process, in compliance with bylaws and with requisite approvals, to formally onboard potential community candidates.
 - a. The BP’s Office presented the idea at a recent Borough Board Meeting.
 - b. Chair C. Powell brought the idea to the Housing Committee for discussion.
 - 2. The Housing Committee, with deference to the Executive Board, plans to create procedural process and outline the scope of work for community members (e.g., defined roles on sub-committees). (C. Powell)
 - 3. Action item: Convene a conference call to begin a discussion about developing a vetting procedure.
 - ii. Strengthen CB 10 Board’s Resolution on Mandatory Inclusionary Housing – tabled for a future meeting w/ brief comment (C. Powell)
 - 1. Identify the Housing Committee’s objectives over the next few months.

2. This issue is evolving but must include deeper affordability measures as well as elements that address homelessness.
- iii. Creation of a Housing Committee NYCHA Sub-Committee
 1. Idea presented about of the utility of community members potentially joining this sub-committee.
 2. This discussion will be taken up again at a future meeting.
 - iv. Creation of a Housing Committee Displacement/Homelessness Sub-Committee (Hon. S. Washington)
 1. There is a mid-January housing forum in the planning stages.
 - a. The forum will include an hour-long screening about vouchers with a discussion to follow.
 - b. The Housing Committee is calling on community members to join the Committee in attendance at the screening.
 - c. More information is forthcoming.
 - v. Continuation of Support of Tenant Rights & Protection Forums and Workshops (C. Powell)
 1. The Committee joined in November housing forum led by CB 10's Hon. Jason Clark.
 2. The Committee decided to continue to hold forums on housing-related issues, year-round. (See 3(a)(iii))
 - a. For example, the Committee will reach out to Congressman Adriano Espaillat's office about the issue of the loss of housing (i.e., due to fire, disaster, etc.). (M. Booker)
 - b. The Committee will seek to join with/involve CB 9, 11, and 12 in planning the forum.
 - vi. Formulation and Passage of a Resolution regarding Community Gardens (as having a place in overall community and housing development (not just in competition with each other)).
 - tabled for a future meeting (C. Powell)

4. Agenda Item: Update on 95 Lenox Avenue Tenants Association.

- a. 95 Lenox Ave. Tenants Association to send to CB 10 District Office a draft of the one-pager – documenting the residents' concerns – discussed at the last meeting.
 - i. CB 10 Housing Committee to offer feedback on the one-pager.

- b. 95 Lenox Ave. Tenants Association stated concerns about residents passing away and succession rights.
 - i. A representative from 95 Lenox Ave. Tenants Association requested more training on the issue of succession rights.
5. Agenda Item: Update on HPD Meeting with Land Use Committee Meeting on November 13th regarding Center for Urban Community Services proposed Supportive Housing project on W. 127th Street.
- a. This matter was discussed at Executive Committee Meeting.
 - b. CB 10 will discuss this matter at the General Board Meeting on December 6th.
6. *Agenda Item: Old/New Business/Announcements*
- a. New Business:
 - i. Housing Committee Chair, C. Powell, raised the issue of (more) data needed to drive the Committee's goals and objectives.
 - 1. Potential process: The Housing Committee will identify relevant metrics needed and CB 10's District Office will make data request from the BP's Office.
 - 2. The Housing Committee will request data by legislative district so the Committee is equipped with specific, relevant data for legislative visits, forums, and other objectives.
 - b. Meeting with Councilman Bill Perkins Office regarding inquiry into vouchers.
 - i. The Housing Committee will have ongoing discussions and planning around procuring a meeting with Councilman Perkins' office.
 - c. Save the Date: Faith-based Forum on December 15th – more information forthcoming
 - i. At issue: Zoning districts and local churches
 - ii. Highlight need to create more affordable housing
 - d. NYCHA Lead Paint Report
 - i. There will be a brief presentation at the December 6th CB 10 Gen. Board Meeting.
 - ii. Press Conference scheduled for Wednesday, December 13th.
 - iii. Committee meeting and forum to follow.
7. Adjournment
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.