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Housing Committee Special Meeting Minutes

Monday May 22, 2017
Harlem State Office Building – 2nd Floor Art Gallery
Hon. Charles Powell, Chair
Hon. Donna Veronica Gill, Vice-Chair

Committee Members in Attendance: Chair Charles Powell, Donna Gill, Danni Tyson and Board member – Christine Curry

Committee Members Excused: Jason Clark, Earl Keller, Shanelle Washington, Ibrahima Diafoune

Committee Members not in Attendance: Lisa Downing, Derrick Graham, Barbara Nelson

Purpose of Meeting

This was a Special Housing Committee Meeting and Public forum focusing exclusively on the subject of NYCHA Next Gen Plan - Infill/Privatization. This special committee meeting was co-hosted by The Committee for Independent Action.

Special Thanks to:

The Committee would like to give special thanks and appreciation to:

- Board members Hon. Donna Gill – Housing Committee Vice-Chair and Hon. Danni Tyson for their support in the planning and preparation of the event and in assisting in the facilitation of the forum itself.
- Ms. Giji James – Community Associate of the CB 10 District Office for her tireless and effective support in identifying and notifying Presidents of the various NYCHA resident associations as well as residents of NYCHA developments within the District as well as for her notices to the general public.
- District Manager Andrew LaSalle and Assistant District Manager Terrence Miller for their assistance in helping to set up our meeting space at the Harlem State Office Building; securing refreshments for the event and for assisting in the facilitation of the forum on the night of the event.

- Dr. Jesse Fields of the Committee for Independent Action for her relentless efforts regarding the issue of privatization of NYCHA developments and for leading the public outcry to same.
- Board member - Hon. Marquis Harrison for arranging for the students of Frederick Douglass Academy to attend the forum.

Summary of Forum

- Although a rainy overcast evening, the forum was attended by almost 100 persons and was viewed live via Face book by another 100 persons. Many of the persons in attendance were leaders and residents of NYCHA developments.
- After an introductory statement of purpose by the Charles Powell – Housing Committee Chair, Dr. Jesse Fields provided the Committee and those in attendance with a great overview of NYCHA Next Gen and the issues/negative impact and implications it presents to the community and its residents within the developments and beyond. Dr. Fields indicated that this city-wide issue has resulted in more than 15,000 residents signing petitions in opposition.
- Other presentations expressing concern with or opposition to NYCHA Next Gen were made by (among others):
 - Adrienne Felton – Outreach Coordinator for Letitia James – NYC Public Advocate
 - Martin Baez – Chair of the National Action Network (NAN) Housing Committee New York Chapter
 - Julius Tajiddin – Community Activist – Author of the MANIFESTO proposing an alternative to NYCHA Next Gen
 - Dr. Kay Samuels – Community Activist
 - Cordell Cleare – Harlem District Leader
 - Representatives of various NYCHA Tenant Associations

Next Steps

- The forum will be reviewed at the next Housing Committee meeting on June 26, 2017.
- The formation of a NYCHA Sub-committee consisting of CB 10 Board members and community members will be discussed and initiated at the June meeting
- The NYCHA Sub-committee will develop a calendar of NYCHA events to attend and things to do regarding NYCHA issues throughout the months of July/August while the CB 10 Board is on summer recess

FORUM ADJOURNED AT 8:30 pm

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