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HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of

Monday June 26, 2017

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

Attendees: Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Danni Tyson; Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Shanelle Washington; Hon. Mark Bones; Hon. Jason Clark

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Hon. Kevin Bitterman; Hon. Derrick Graham; Hon. Earl Keller; Hon. Mark Bones; Hon. Lisa Downing; Hon. Barbara Nelson

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of May 22, 2017 Special Committee Meeting
3. Agenda Items and Minutes of Discussions:
 - a. Agenda Item: Report/Update/Next Steps by HDFC Sub-Committee Chair Hon. Danni Tyson

Danni Tyson provided the Committee with an update of her on-going discussions with HPD Deputy Commissioner Anne-Marie Hendrickson regarding the proposed new Regulatory Agreement which has yet to be submitted to the New York City Council for consideration and approval. Ms. Tyson has been asked by Commissioner Hendrickson to report out on the concerns of HDFC shareholders as to elements of the proposed Regulatory Agreement and has been an effective voice of those shareholders.

Ms. Tyson also reported on the City's efforts to foreclose on HDFC buildings and the number of units affected by such efforts. She answered and fielded questions

regarding this process and the reasons why such buildings are facing these drastic consequences.

Ms. Tyson also reported on her outreach to Commissioner Hendrickson regarding a concern of the Borough President about the procedures and prices agents/brokers use to sell HDFC's. Their discussion on this subject is on-going and Ms. Tyson will be asked to report further on this subject at our September 2017 meeting.

b. Agenda Item: NYCHA Next Generation Plan –Report/Update/Next Steps by Housing Committee Chair Charles Powell

Charles Powell was joined by community members Dr. Jessie Fields and Julius Tajiddin on the on-going movement to prevent NYCHA from privatizing land dedicated to its existing residents (playgrounds, community spaces; parking spaces, etc.). Mr. Tajiddin reported on the alternatives to such privatization in a Manifesto which has been presented to Mayor de Blasio at a recent community meeting in Harlem. Dr. Fields and others spoke of the continuing neglect regarding the conditions of NYCHA buildings and tenant residences and the notion that there is not sufficient funds in their reserves to make such necessary repairs. There was also discussion between the Committee and community residents regarding the eviction process against so called “nuisance” tenants (*see Tenant Eviction Prevention points below*).

c. Agenda Item: Community Gardens Outreach to CB 10:

Charles Powell reported on the joint meeting held between the Parks & Recreation Committee and the Housing Committee held on June 5, 2017. Mr. Powell reported that the meeting was a very informative one indicating the value of community gardens in general and the Mandela Garden in particular. The meeting was co-chaired by Karen Horry and was attended by other Board members from the Housing and Parks/Recreation Committees.

Charles Powell also reported on his follow up visit to the Mandela Gardens on Saturday, June 10 which in his opinion is a must see/visit for other board members.

Mr. Powell and Ms. Horry will continue to meet with the representatives of the Mandela Garden and plan to move forward with a possible letter of support and Board Resolution when the Board resumes formal meetings in September.

d. Agenda Item: Tenant Eviction Protection:

Board and Committee member Jason Clark spoke of the Monthly Free Legal Clinics CB 10 has been hosting for the past several months which focused on housing concerns and especially tenant eviction protection. The relationship with MFY Legal Services is still secure for this coming CB 10 schedule when we resume in September and more clinics focusing on housing will occur.

e. Agenda Item: Our CB 10 Housing Committee Summer Schedule:

Several Board members spoke of the importance and value of continuing our work regarding pressing housing issues during the summer months during our recess.

4. Old/New Business/Announcements

5. Adjournment