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Housing Committee

Monday, November 28, 2016 - 6:30 PM

Hon. Charles Powell, Chair
Hon. Donna Gill, Vice Chair
Hon. Danni Tyson, HDFCs Subcommittee Chair

Committee Members in Attendance (7): Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Danni Tyson; Hon. Ibrahima Diafoune; Hon Mark Bones; Hon. Jason Clark; Hon. Lisa Downing

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Hon. Donna Gill (Excused); Hon. Shanelle Washington (Excused); Hon. Kevin Bitterman; Hon. Derrick Graham; Hon. Earl Keller

PRESENTED ITEMS:

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of October 24, 2016 Committee Meeting

- a. Minutes of meeting distributed but not moved or approved

3. Discussions

- a. *Presentation by Mr. Gregory Baggett – Program Manager for Training & Technical Assistance – Neighborhood Housing Services of New York City (NHS)*

- Mr. Baggett was introduced by Hon. Danni Tyson – Chair HDFC Sub-committee
- Mr. Baggett made an extensive presentation of the role NHS has now been designated by NYC HPD to play as technical advisors for HDFC's. He emphasized that NHS was not replacing UHAB in that role as HDFC's still had the option to continue the services of this organization for a fee.
- Through his Power Point presentation, Mr. Baggett listed the various services NHS will offer HDFC's to assist in their management and oversight of their projects.
- Questions were put forth by Board members and shareholders of HDFC's in attendance and Mr. Baggett answered all questions and agreed that his Power Point presentation should be shared with all

in attendance and that request to distribute the PP was communicated to the District Manager.

- In addition, Mr. Baggett indicated the desire of NHS to make a more formal presentation to the full CB 10 Board and the Housing Committee indicated that such a presentation will be arranged. This presentation (which will include a team of persons from NHS) will be scheduled as a community education forum to provide the greatest benefit to shareholders and HDFC's in the District and beyond.

b. Presentation by Ashley Treni – Project Developer for JustFixNYC.com

- Ms. Treni was introduced by Housing Chair Charles Powell
- She also made her presentation of the website which has caught the attention of a number of Housing Committee members as it provides a secure online platform for documenting tenant complaints regarding the conditions of their rental apartments as well as providing suggested ways of taking action against landlords regarding such complaints.
- Chairman Powell pointed out that in his experience as a lawyer representing tenants in abatement or HP tenant initiated actions such a web platform would reduce the amount of paperwork (regarding complaints) that a tenant would need to manage and placed this data into a report format for such use.
- While the data platform of this web site is currently limited to rent stabilized tenants, there was a great deal of interest expressed as to how it could be used by occupants of HDFC's. Ms. Treni and her team indicated that the site could still be used to collect data for tenant shareholders but right now does not provide resources that would apply.
- A question was also presented as to the site's applicability for NYCHA residents who struggle with issues surrounding their housing conditions and canceled scheduled repair dates and again the presenters indicated their desire to grow the web site to address such concerns.
- This web site is still in development and offers some solutions to certain tenants and they agree to continue to work with the Housing Committee and CB 10 to broaden its overall usefulness.

c. Review of Housing Committee's contribution to the CB 10 FY 2017 District Needs Statement

- Chairman Powell (who worked on the team that prepared the CB 10 FY 2017 District Needs Statement) indicated those portions that related to housing.

- Chairman Powell indicated, among other things, the focus of the District Needs Statement on much deeper and greater affordability in new and existing projects which require Land Use Committee approval; in establishing a greater focus of the homelessness crisis within our district and beyond and the concern of our Committee and Board regarding NYCHA privatization.

4. Old/New Business

- a. Dr. Jessie Fields spoke of the desire to have a forum on NYCHA privatization with CB 10 in the near future. This suggestion was welcomed by the Committee and action will be taken to ensure it happens as soon on January, 2017.

- b. Dr. Samuels spoke on homeless housing forums and actions proposed to be taken by this committee and the Board and it was agreed that a fuller presentation of this subject should be on our December meeting's agenda.

5. Announcements

- 6. Next meeting date: Thursday, December 22, 2016 @ 6:30 PM (our regular 4th Monday Meeting cannot occur as it falls on December 26th and the office is closed)**

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion by Charles Powell to adjourn. All in attendance seconded and agreed. Adjourned at 8:30pm.

Meetings submitted by: Hon Charles Powell