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HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 25, 2018- 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Hon. Charles Powell, Hon. Donna Gill

Excused: Hon. Danni Tyson; Hon. Shanelle Washington

Absent: Hon. Ibrahima Diafoune; Hon. Barbara Nelson

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 May 31, 2018 Committee Meeting was deferred.

3. Meeting Discussions:

a. HDFC Sub-Committee Report & Updates

Donna Gill provided updates on 5 HDFC buildings that were in foreclosure. 3 of the buildings are being worked on and 2 buildings are meeting with Victor Morrison regarding article XI. NHS will continue to consult with HDFC's who have been "negligent" in their duties in order to ensure that the HDFC's are functioning normally to avoid such foreclosure dilemmas in the future. Glory Ann Kirstein from the **HDFC Coalition** is requesting CB10 to draft a letter of support for a Moratorium on Foreclosures of HDFC's in our District. This will be a voting item for the CB 10 Executive Committee to decide on.

b. Presentation of Donald Notice, Executive Director- West Harlem Group Assistance Organization.

Mr. Donald Notice, Executive Director of WHGA presented on the state of affairs of HDFC's and focused on lack of home ownership in our community, and the

need for us to continually pushing for deeper affordability in new affordable housing developments. Mr. Notice has acknowledged that due to rigorous barriers of entry including stringent credit restrictions for those in our community, many are not being accepted into these apartments designated for members of our community thus causing mass displacement.

c. Just FIX NYC Presentation

Just Fix NYC is a valuable computer application tool for tenants to use to help document their complaints against landlords for lack of service; violations and other quality of life concerns. The APP allows tenants to document their calls to 311 and to list other violations. Just Fix NYC did its second brief presentation to the CB 10 Housing Committee and answered questions of all those in attendance. It was noted that CB10 would like to invite Just Fix NYC back for a presentation at our Full General Board meeting in October 2018.

d. Upcoming Meeting of 95 Lenox Avenue Tenant's Association

The Chairman announced that the 95 Lenox Avenue Tenant's Association has invited the Housing Committee and our District Office to attend its meetings to discuss with the owners their plans to make major upgrades and repairs to each of the Section 8 housing units within their development. Chairman Charles Powell attended a meeting with the tenants; the owner (Seavey Organization) and its General Contractor to review and discuss the plans for these renovations and to ensure that they would be done without any rental increases or displacement.

e. Future Scheduling and Marketing of CB 10 Legal Assistance Workshops

It was confirmed that the Legal Assistance Workshops will continue in September, 2018 and that they will be held in the District Office on the same date and time of the monthly Housing Committee meetings (4th Monday of each month).

4. Old/New Business/Announcements

Representatives of the West 136th Street Block Association (between Frederick Douglass Boulevard and Adam C. Powell, Jr. Boulevard) attended the meeting to express their concerns regarding some new construction happening at 229 West 136th Street. The opinion of the Block Association was that this work should be investigated to determine whether it needed to cease & desist on the basis of safety and building code considerations. Chair of CB10's housing committee Mr. Charles Powell has agreed to take a site visit of the location to do some fact finding.

5. Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM