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HOUSING COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes of

Monday, February 26, 2018

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

Attendees: Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Jason Clark; Hon. Ibrahima Diafoune; Hon. Aleah Gathings; Hon. Danni Tyson

Excused Members: Hon. Shanelle Washington

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

1. Welcome/Introductions
 - a. The meeting convened at 6:30pm with a welcome and introductions.
2. Review and Acceptance of Minutes of January 29, 2018 Committee Meeting.
3. Discussions:
 - a. **Agenda Item: HDFC Sub-Committee Report & Update** (Chair, Danni Tyson)
 - I. Goal of the Sub-Committee: Preservation, Sustainability and Growth.
 - II. Report on HPD's Proposed Regulatory Agreement
 - i. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the HDFC Sub-Committee met with HPD's Deputy Commissioner, Anne-Marie Hendrickson, about HPD's new regulatory agreement.
 - a. The HDFC Sub-Committee's Chair and Vice Chair conveyed shareholders' concerns.
 - ii. There are 9 buildings in CB 10's district are slated for foreclosure.

- iii. 101 buildings are at risk in Manhattan.
- iv. The Sub-Committee is engaged in outreach, surveying, data collection and providing information sessions.
- v. Action Item: Sub-Committee to draft summary on shareholder comments and concerns for HPD.
 - a. **NOTE:** *If you have relevant comments or concerns about HDFCs, please reach out to the CB 10 District Office and leave a message for the HDFC Sub-Committee. Danni Tyson will respond to you.*
 - b. **NOTE:** *The Sub-Committee is requesting any and all information relevant to HDFCs and shareholder concerns (i.e., foreclosure vs. increased equity with sale, general concerns, HPD's Regulatory Agreement, etc.).*

III. Introduction of John McBride and Report from HDFC Coalition (J. McBride)

- i. On February 13, 2018, the HDFC Coalition met with HPD. HPD's Deputy Commissioner, Anne-Marie Hendrickson, attended the meeting, along with other HPD representatives.
 - a. The HDFC Coalition members shared their proposal during the meeting with HPD.
 - b. The HDFC Coalition is working with pro bono counsel.
- ii. A high-level review of the sections of the proposal presented to the Housing Committee.
- iii. CB 10 Chair, Charles Powell, asked for time for the Sub-Committee to review the proposal and coordinate with J. McBride to capture additional shareholder comments and concerns based on their independent outreach efforts.
- iv. The HDFC Coalition just started outreach to CBs. CB 10 was the first CB to learn about the proposal.
- v. The HDFC Coalition would also like to reach out to CB 9, and other CBs, to share their proposal.

- vi. HPD offered no communication deadlines or process timelines at the conclusion of the meeting.

b. Agenda Item: Update on Other Planned Housing Committee Initiatives

I. Displacement/Homelessness Sub-Committee – Planned Future Forums & Workshops

i. **SAVE THE DATE:**

WHAT: A Housing Forum - In Partnership with New Hope
*CB 10 Presents a Film and Panel Discussion

WHEN: **Thursday, April 26, 2018**

WHERE: Site to be determined

**More Details are Forthcoming.

II. NYCHA Sub-Committee – Planned Future Forums & Workshops

- i. Report tabled for a future meeting.

III. Timeline for Formation and Formal Recognition of Displacement and NYCHA Sub-Committee

- i. The Housing Committee to solidify the process of the formation of Sub-Committees.
 - a. The purpose of the Sub-Committees is to expand the Committee’s capacity to do the critical work of the Committee with the help of select community members with expertise in the related issue areas.
 - b. On-board select community members before the conclusion of June 2018.
 - c. The on-boarding of select community members will conclude the populating of the Housing Committee’s Sub-Committees.

c. Agenda Item: Introduction of Bettie Sanders of New Hope and Deliverance Supportive Housing and Presentation

I. New Hope is a joint venture with HPD on behalf of NYC families.

II. New Hope has placed 20 families from shelters into permanent housing.

- III. New Hope is also working to provide homeownership education to families.
- IV. New Hope seeks support from CB 10 in facilitating meetings with CB 11.
 - i. C. Powell (Chair) suggested that 1) this topic/project be an ongoing agenda item and 2) the Displacement Sub-Committee may take up work on this issue.
 - ii. C. Powell (Chair) also noted that this might be an issue for CB 10's Land Use Committee due to a potential ULURP process.

d. Agenda Item: Review & Discussion of the Mandela Community Garden

- I. Mandela Gardens cannot stay in their current location (i.e., the site behind the Apollo). The CB 10 Land Use Committee has already voted in favor of a proposed development of affordable housing at that location
- II. CB 10 Housing Committee hopes to provide assistance in finding an alternative location.

e. Agenda Item: Update on CB 10 Legal Assistance Workshops

- I. One-year anniversary of the CB 10 Legal Clinic.
- II. The partnership with Mobilization for Justice Inc. serves Harlem residents on housing-related, legal matters.
- III. The Housing Committee supports joining with the Public Safety Committee in paying tribute to Mobilization for Justice.

4. Agenda Item: Old/New Business/Announcements

- a. New Business:
 - I. Announcement by Harlem Advocates for Seniors (Min. Susan Vance – Chair of Housing)
 - i. Seniors have a number of housing-related, legal issues (e.g. succession rights, harassment, and displacement).
 - ii. Charles Powell (Chair) invited Min. Vance to attend future Committee meetings for support.

5. Adjournment

- a. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.