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## **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

March, 30, 2015 – 6:30 PM

Hon. Barbara Nelson, Chair

### **AGENDA**

- 1) Welcome/Introductions
- 2) Old/New Business
  - Sayidah Y. Walls West Harlem Group Assistance – 114<sup>th</sup> street extended hours
- 3) Announcements
- 4) Adjournment

### **Minutes from the Meeting:**

This evening present at the meeting were the following Committee Members:

**B Nelson, Donna Gill and Derek Graham**, along with Andrew (and Paris)

The guest were; **Donald Notice of West Harlem Group, the contractor George Poulon of Mega Contracting, and Kenya K. Smith, the Construction Project Manager**

They came to us to ask for our support in their endeavor to increase their hours of work scope to enable completion of the work in their timeline set for December.

The changes requested are in parenthesis. Their current hours as of right in current work orders are:

Weekdays 7am to 6pm They are requesting to adjust the hours to **(7am to 8pm)** and the current hours on the weekend specifically Saturday (10am to 5pm). The request to adjust the hours on the weekend are Saturday **from (8am to 6pm)**.

The presenters were informed of the community board's role as advocates and reported they had not communicated with their neighbors on 114<sup>th</sup> Street other than the residents who will be moving into the new building. It was suggested to plan a meeting one evening and post flyers inviting the community and inform the Community of their requests to adjust the hours of work.

The presenters were asked to please let the CB10 know the date of the meeting so we could be in attendance at this meeting. They were receptive and agreed that the community, is who could possibly be affected and would be in opposition perhaps only because of a lack of information. They reported the in-kind work that has been completed already in the back yard of the Condo on the corner of 114 FDB, the same one that wrote letters in opposition of the project initially.

Derek asked about the work and hiring standards and reported dismissals of workers at the site, they responded that the work is being done in stages and demolition workers were no longer warranted as they move in stages of need, they hire as needed. Derek then stated "Are they being paid prevailing wages?" The response was "No."

Derek suggested creating a task force investigating the developers who hire and sub contract that are under paying workers. Derek suggests we create a listing based upon information retrieved from researching those developers and contractors who are underpaying workers in our community.

The contractor asked Derek to give him a follow up call on this matter of concern. I then asked Andrew to see if we could get information from the borough presidents office listing the names of developers and contractors who have been given permits to complete work at sites in the CB10 area, which gives Derek a starting place, acknowledging this is unofficially an area that has not been investigated and neither of us could identify the agency responsible for follow up and follow through.

Ms Gill, volunteered to be Vice Chair of the Housing Committee, and she will be holding a financial forum on April 18, 2015 from 10am to 2pm.

I informed the presenters of the process and dates to report to the executive committee. Also that the committee would receive any documentation of community support and would vote to bring to the executive committee then to the full board. Once again the committee attendance was poor.

There were no announcements and the meeting was adjourned.