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Housing Committee Minutes

Monday November, 26th 2018, 6:30pm

Hon. Charles Powell, Chair

Hon. Donna Gail, Vice-Chair

Committee Members in Attendance: Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Makeda Thompson; Hon. Safiya Mann; Hon. Joshua Clemons; Hon. Steven Johnson; Hon. Shanelle Washington

Committee Members Excused: Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Danni Tyson; Hon. Deborah Yates; Hon. Michael Downing

1. Welcome and Introductions:

The Chair welcomed all members of the Committee; guest presenters and members of the public to the meeting which commenced at 6:35 PM.

2. Review of Housing Committee District Needs Statement & Discussion

- Copies of the Housing Committee District Needs statement were distributed to all Committee members in attendance and the Chair reviewed its contents which contained the priorities of the Committee for the remainder of this working year and beyond. The Chair acknowledged the work and contributions of those who assisted in the creation of the District Needs Statement and most notably the work of Shatic Mitchell, District Manager in organizing the Board's District Needs Statement this year.
- The Housing Committee's District Needs Statement indicated its continued focus on the health and well-being Housing Development Fund Corporations (HDFC's) and its importance to the overall housing scheme within our District. As indicated in the next Agenda item, the Committee discussed and emphasized the significance of our focus on the HPD Tenant Interim Lease (TIL) program and the need for the Committee and the Board to take a policy position on same.
- The District Needs Statement also addressed our continued focus on NYCHA; its continuing deterioration and the concerns regarding privatization.

- It was agreed by all that the work on next year's District Needs Statement needs to begin in January, 2019 and that the absence of related budget requests needs to be addressed and made a part of any future statement.
3. Review of Housing Committee Letter of Support for Tenants of 206 West 120th Street – HPD Removal of building from TIL Program – Next Steps
 - Copies of the Housing Committee's Letter of Support for the tenants at 206 West 120th Street were distributed and discussed.
 - The residents of this building have been removed from the HPD TIL Program under, what they allege in their court challenge to this administrative determination, to be questionable and troubling circumstances. The Housing Committee supports the request of these tenants to be reinstated into the program as removal (on the basis of what HPD alleges to be administrative lapses) is too drastic a remedy and too punitive a result.
 4. Continued Discussion on new Housing Planning Webpage/Tool – Local Housing Solutions
 - After a brief discussion, the Committee tabled this ongoing discussion for a future meeting.
 5. Presentation from Harlem Community Justice
 - A Presentation was made by a representative of this organization which provides tenants with assistance in Landlord-Tenant cases held within the historic Harlem courthouse.
 - Tenants are provided with legal advice as to how to defend cases (Non-payment & Holdovers); provided with on-site and follow up resources and also instructed on how to bring actions against landlords for failure to provide services.
 - The Housing Committee recommended that Harlem Community Justice provide the District Office with materials to be given to residents who are confronted with such cases and to provide the District Office with a link to its website which would be e-blasted to the community and to tenants who need such assistance.
 6. Presentation of Hope Community Inc.
 - As a referral from the Landmarks/Transportation Committee (Chair Raquel Vasquez), Norman Williams, Director of Real Estate Development for Hope Community, Inc. made a presentation regarding a cluster of buildings within our District as part of the Affordable Neighborhood Cooperative Program (ANCP) of NYC HPD.
 - Representatives of HPD were in attendance.
 - While the Committee allowed the presentation to take place on an informal basis, members raised numerous questions and concerns regarding the ANCP Program in general and this particular project in particular.

- One particular concern was that no tenants were present from the one building within the cluster (@135 West 132nd Street) which was the subject of the Landmark Committee meeting and the basis for the referral to our Committee.
- After a lengthy discussion, the Committee determined that Hope Community Inc. and HPD would need to return to our committee after we have had the opportunity to review this project further (the materials submitted by Hope were not received until less than two hours before the meeting) and that the Chair would communicate same to Landmarks and to the Executive Committee,

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm