



CITY OF NEW YORK
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10
215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor—New York, NY 10027
T: 212-749-3105 F: 212-662-4215

CICELY HARRIS
Chairperson

SHATIC MITCHELL
District Manager

HOUSING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, May 13, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Housing Committee Meeting Notes

Present: Hon. Charles Powell, Chair; Hon. Donna Gill, Vice-Chair; Hon. Deborah Yates; Hon. Cicely Harris; Hon. Gregory Baggett

Excused: Hon. Joshua Clennon; Hon. Shanelle Washington; Hon. Safiya Mann; Hon. Dominique Mejia

1. *Welcome and Introductions*

The Chair welcomed members of the Housing Committee; Shatic Mitchell, CB 10 District Manager and members of the community and invited guests

2. *Review of HPD presentations*

The Chairs and members of the Housing Committee reviewed the two presentations made by NYC HPD in two of our earlier Committee meetings:

- Housing Connect and Ambassadors in our March 25, 2019 meeting
- ANCP-HDFC in our April 22, 2019 meeting. Donald Notice, Executive Director of the West Harlem Group Assistance Organization (and its team) and Malcolm Punter, President of Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (and its team) also presented on this subject with HPD

Each of these presentations were well attended by Committee members and members of the general public (with specific interest in these two significant subjects) and recognition was given as to the value and importance of these presentations to the committee (as an important learning tool) and the community constituents (as an informational and learning tool).

3. *Update on the passage of recent local laws affects housing in New York City*

Gregory Baggett, new CB 10 Board member and frequent contributor to the CB 10 Housing Committee, was asked by the Chair to provide the committee and community attendees with an outline of the passage of a number of significant local laws affecting housing in New York City. Mr. Baggett was joined by Rafael Escano of the office of

Councilman Bill Perkins in analyzing and discussing these important local laws (copies of an outline and recitation of these laws are available in our District Office)

4. *PRESENTATION: The Fight for Universal Rent Reform*

Representatives of *Housing for All Coalition* - Pete Harrison and Dennis Osorio provided the Committee and community attendees with a comprehensive outline of the nine (9) bills being considered by the State Legislature (the intent and purpose of same. The presentation was well documented and is available for consideration and use by members of the Committee and members of the Board by contacting the District Office and requesting same.

The clear objective of the members of the Coalition was to receive a Resolution from CB 10 regarding these important pieces of housing legislation. The Housing Committee has submitted a Draft Resolution to the CB 10 Executive Committee which voted in favor of it and will be presenting the attached Resolution to the entire CB 10 Board for ratification and approval.

5. *Ennis Francis Houses Report*

Kim Smith – President of the Extermination and Constructions Committee of the Ennis Francis Houses Tenant's Association.

As the Board will recall, in the May, 2019 General meeting, Ms. Smith made a compelling presentation regarding the serious public health concerns relating to work being performed by a developer – Carthage Real Estate Advisers. Outreach and support has been made by our CB 10 District Manager and other members of the Board. The Housing Committee wanted to provide Ms. Smith with an opportunity to further express her concerns regarding NYC Building's Department oversight of the work being done on the EF site and its health and environmental impact on residents and neighbors.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm/