

Joint Land Use/Landmarks & Housing Committee

Thursday, March 20, 2014 – 6:30 PM

Hon. Brian Benjamin, Land Use Chair
Hon. Austin Smith, Land Use Vice-Chair
Hon. Betty Dubuisson, Landmarks Chair

Hon. Melvin Christian, Housing Chair
Hon. Barbara Nelson, Housing Vice-Chair

Attendance: Melvin Christian, Brian Benjamin, Austin Smith, Daniel Parcerisas, Marquis Harrison, Donna Gill, Barbara Nelson, Danni Tyson, Keith Taylor, Maria Garcia, Forrest Taylor, Jennifer Jones

1) **CB 10 HCCI Home buyer collaboration initiative**

The proposed workshop with HCCI for first-time homebuyers will follow an initial workshop on general financial literacy, credit counseling, financial planning and budgeting to take place on May 3 (tentatively). CB 10 will continue working with HCCI to organize the workshops.

2) **AMI resolution**

The Committee discussed a draft a resolution calling for affordable housing programs to better serve the needs of the District's residents. Current programs are based on Area Median Income, which is inherently skewed towards higher incomes than those in our District, resulting in affordable housing programs that are in fact unaffordable to the residents they are intended to serve.

A second draft resolution will be presented at the next Committee meeting for approval.

3) **Borough President's request to identify affordable housing units**

Manhattan BP Gale Brewer has requested that community boards assist in making an inventory of affordable housing units. Barbara Nelson and Austin Smith will follow up with the BP's office and possibly provide them a study that CB 10 conducted just a few years ago.

4) **Announcements**

- The State of Education in Harlem forum is coming up on April 12 from 9am-4pm at Harriet Tubman School

- There will be a Health and Human Services forum in the coming months with more information to follow.