Housing Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, December 12th- 6:30 P.M.  
Location: Broadway Housing Communities, 583 Riverside Drive, 7th fl. (Art Gallery)  

Committee Members: ALL PRESENT 
April Tyler Co-Chair: Signe Mortensen, Co-Chair 
Annette Robinson, Walter South, Barry Weinberg, Ilan Mercado  
OTHER CB9 MEMBERS: Anthony Carrion  
Public Members: 
Olga Salcedo, Karissa Garner, Anita Cheng (PRESENT)  
Community Members: 
Edwin Vega- Legal Aid Society  
Sylvia Tyler  
Phoebe Sade-Arnold  
Victoria Mason-Ailey-Columbia  
Vaughn Jackson  
Chris Johnson  
John D – Columbia  
Ariel Hakimi  
N Bonner  
Steve Ross

AGENDA

I. Call to Order – 6:45p  
II. Adopt Agenda – 1st April, 2nd Water  
III. Adopt Minutes – 1st Water, 2nd Signe  

IV. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements  
a) Edwin Vega- Legal Aid, Housing Development Unit  
1) Recently moved to a new office!  
2) Work with low income and must show proof of income. If below income they receive representation of council, if over income attorney advice is provided but not representation.  
3) NEED RESO in Support of restoring HDFC $$ for Legal Aid Society  
4) They help with Elderly Housing issues, Housing Development, forming of Tenant associations (heat, hot water violations), represent Tenant Associations, represent individual tenants, eviction prevention  
5) Fire on 144th St – they want to work with tenants if needed. Some tenants may be offered a buyout- Legal Aid wants to be sure they understand the impact of that (must pay taxes, may affect social benefits, city aid may be cut). Need to coordinate Red Cross & Legal reps  
6) 17 million is being phased in over 5 years in their budget – goes by zipcode – when is ours?  

b) Water South announcement
V. Old Business
   a) HDFC Update – recap of hearing, next steps
      1) Foreclosure subcommittee – electeds don’t understand HDFCs, continued outreach and education is needed. Out of 84 on foreclosure list 9 are in Levine and 11 in Perkins. Must encourage these 440 units to contact their council members.
      2) Need to draft a letter to shareholders that they can share with council members. Send to our list of HDFCs from Forum.
      3) Senate Bill- working on getting senators to kill the bill in Senate that will compromise HDFC retaining their rights.
   b) NYCHA Update- recap of Taskforce meeting, future forums
      1) Now is the time to act. Planning 4 forums from Feb-May on different topics that affect NYCHA based on our feedback from Froum. Need support spreading the word and planning.
   c) Hamilton Theater Update
      1) Planning an envisioning meeting on Jan 20th – invite community and educate them about space as well as envision possibilities for the space. Take this back to developer and go from there.
   d) MHCC Update
      1) Working on discouraging large out of place developments creeping into area and if cannot stop will work on a benefits agreement to benefit community.
      2) UTS – previously promised 5 mil towards affordable housing and now will use the 5 mil to developing a curriculum on theology of housing. MHCC pushing back.
      3) Feb 7th Town Hall to show draft of rezoning of Morningside Heights proposal.
   e) 644 Riverside
      1) Brief recap of situation – now they are currently being offered PO but many cannot afford the $3000 price. WHDC has offered small loans for shareholders – something to be offered for future buildings.

VI. Action Items
   a) Reso: NYCHA Oversight Committee
      1) Committee would include NYCHA staff, city council, residents and experts. Purpose is to get information about issues in buildings and provide solutions
      2) To be drafted and presented at General meeting -

VII. New Business
   a) Update on Fire at 144th & Broadway
      1) If site is demolished could become a soft site for development
      2) Need to coordinate Legal Aid Society as seen above

VIII. Adjourn – 8:46pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 9th, 2018 6:30pm – 583 Riverside Dr- 7th Floor