CB9 Housing, Land Use and Zoning
Committee Meeting MINUTES
Tuesday May 9th, 2017 - 6:30 P.M.
Location: Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive @ West 135th Street

HLUZ Committee Members:
Hon. April Tyler, Chair; (present) Hon. Signe Mortensen, Co-Chair (present), Hon. Annette Robinson (present), Hon. Walter South (present) Hon. Barry Weinberg (present)

CB9 Members:
Jose Taveras

Public Members:
Anita Cheng (present), Olga Salcedo (present)

Community members present:
Vaughn Jackson
Magali Capi
Sterling Pearson
Chris Johnson
Karen Reppy
Angel Vasquez
Orlando Rodriguez (MBP Brewer)
Diana Howard (MBP Brewer)

Vincent Collins
Charles Johnson

AGENDA

I. Call to Order –Quorum achieved 6:37pm
II. Adopt Agenda –agenda adopted-
III. Adopt Minutes –minutes adopted- April, Walter second
IV. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements
   • Everyone introduced themselves (see list above)
V. Old Business
   • 197a refresh – update from Walter – CB9 passed reso, need to talk to city planning and BP office, review as-of-right qualifications
     • invite Kevin Parris to next meeting, discuss church development and sell for affordable housing rather than other uses. Connect with Diane from BP to connect with faith leaders group.
   • HDFC Steering Committee update – meeting weekly, planning rally in June @ City Hall. Met with Mayor last month – fruitful meeting but need to push to continue to meet with as he said (likely in summer). Willing to slow up the process. Mayor not in favor of eliminating the DAMP tax.
   • NYCHA Forum – July 22nd – Signe attended CB7 meeting, they have done survey and trying to change the story of NYCHA residents- positive stories- videos, stories. Get survey from them to share with our NYCHA
     • Location: Closer to CB7 (Manhattanville)- Our Children’s Foundation, Antioch?, Corpus Christi Gym, Diane will send some ideas – 100 at least
     • Co-sponsors with CB7, Elected official
     • 10am-2pm – 2 panels and lunch, breakout workshop for TA leaders
     • Content: 2 panels –academic/elected, residents
       - Victor – budget (bad and good), NYCHA Coalition – Manhattanville, Grant, Audobon, CB7 NYCHA committee
leader, TA Leaders from Grant (Carlton Davis), Manhattanville, Audobon, Victor Edwards- CB9, NYCHA
Director, Kofi (WHDC), Richie Torres (Councilmember-chair of Housing committee), Perkins, Paolo, Joselinne (DA)—
guide on what to say

• Know your rights / where to go for what (info magnet?)
• Issues with response to complaints – what is follow up procedure –
locks at audobon, elevators
• Create a positive power to residents – they need hope – strength of
TA is very important
• Community Organizing workshop for TA leaders – WEACT to lead?

• Wilson Major Morris – site to look into on W 152 – St Johns owns
building and community center says they signed 99 year lease. Trying to
get more details. April planning to meet and report at general meeting

VI. New Business
• June to be Developers meeting

BRP – St Nicholas avenue (DTH) Janus Properties –
LaGree (Haim Nortman)– 125th St L&M – UTS
Harlem Academy (next to HSA) DelShaw – St Lukes
Le Frac 1440 Amsterdam Ave Orbach – 120th St
Savannah – 122nd

• W 150th HDFC meeting June 21st 7-9pm– info session
• TIL/ANCPS Reso – moratorium – Barry to write reso and present to exec
committee to bring forward at general meeting.

  • Program has been badly managed and now HPD is trying to
remove from TIL and put it into ANCP. City transfers to third party
developer, takes out loan, does construction and tenants have to
pay off loan.

• Voted on support for reso:
• 640 Riverside- WHDC is setting up a loan fund for those who can’t afford
purchase price of 2.5k

• 978(?) St Nicholas – TIL that became coop with debt and they are
being foreclosed on!

• Write letter to attorney general about offering plan and concerns of
structure and financial status of building, and UHAB.

• 501 W 143rd St – DEP payments and foreclosure date – back taxes needs
to be forgiven. DEP won’t negotiate bill. CM Levine can forgive back taxes
– write to Levine again and Mayor.

VII. Adjourn – motion passed 7:51pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13th, 2017 6:30pm – 583 Riverside Dr- 7th Floor