Housing Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting
Wednesday, Sept 20th
6:30 P.M.
Location: Broadway Housing Communities, 583 Riverside Drive, 7th fl. (Art Gallery)

Committee Members:
April Tyler Co-Chair: Signe Mortensen, Co-Chair
Annette Robinson, Walter South, Barry Weinberg, Ilan Mercado (ALL PRESENT)

Public Members:
Anita Cheng(present)

Board Members Present:
Victor Edwards, Miles Gamble, Vanessa Jones

Community members present:
Wil Buckery (HDFC Coalition); Sylvia Tyler (HDFC Coalition); Hector Vazquez; Sonia Stenmann; Karen Reppy; Marcial Lara; Orlando Rodriguez (MBP); Jose Morel; Victoria Mason-Alley (Columbia)

Presentations
Karen Witherspoon/Anthony Achille (City College of NY); Juan Parra/Myles Lennon (Solar One, WeACT);

AGENDA

I. Call to Order @ 6:45pm (April/Illana)
II. Adopt Agenda – with changes- accepted (April/Walter)
III. Adopt Minutes – none present

IV. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements
   a) CCNY – Karen Witherspoon and Anthony Achille.
      • Plans for Firehouse at 140th btw Amsterdam/Hamilton Pl
      • Financed by City Council and City University of NY
      • Will be Art Studios – 16 studios and 20 students + faculty
      • CB9 suggests keeping more of original ornamentation and cornice
   b) Solar One Presentation (non-profit organization, greening NYC)
      • Access to solar power to affordable housing!
      • Partnering with WEACT/UHAB and others for Solar Uptown Now (SUN) to help buildings get solar power
      • Info sessions: Tuesday Sept 26th @ WEACT on 152nd and Amsterdam; Thursday Sept 28th @ UHAB 2238 2nd Ave
      • A PPA is signed and no upfront costs.
      • Roof needs direct sunlight and in good shape – if they can carry snow they can carry solar panels.
      • Walter noted that the power is only for common areas, not individual apartments. But this is a huge costs (especially since the law states lights must be on 24/7 in common areas of buildings.

V. Old Business
   a) HDFC Coalition (pending foreclosures in CB9- action required)
• Anita, Wil and Sylvia explained the proposed Letter to Mayor to ask for a pause on all HDFC Foreclosures.
• 84 building (over 1000 units of Affordable housing) will be foreclosed upon at end of this month. (12x more than any other year)
• Most owe back taxes and water payments – paying more in interest and fees than the actual amount owed.
• 8 buildings are in CB9
• Passed support of letter to Mayor
  1. HLUZ Committee: 6 (UNANIMOUS); Public members: 1;
     Community members: 7
• Orlando with MBP asked Anita to send Manhattan # of foreclosures and letter to mayor to bring to MBP office.

b) NYCHA Forum (planning, assignments)
• Signe explained the Forum on Oct 14th @ 10a-2p @ Our Children’s Foundation 527 W 125th St, 3rd FL
• Need everyone's help to spread the word and flyer in NYCHA buildings to bring residents out.
• RSVP requested: goo.gl/xiwDwg
• NYCHA and Elected will be invited by formal letter
• Resource tables – NYCHA departments, Solar One, MLS, Columbia Job Center etc
• Need Flyer Translated into Spanish – April will ask MBP to do this tomorrow
• Victory M-A offered to connect us with all the tenant leaders she knows.
• Diana at MBP to help with bringing elected
• NYCHA Board meeting is Sept 27th @ 10am- 250 Broadway 12th FL
• Columbia Interns to help flyering?

Announcements-
• Walter teaching Right to the City class @ Red Oak on 99th or on skype.
• April announced new Greenhouse is opening Thursday @ 1pm @ riverbank state Park, now the Denny Farrell State Park.

VI. New Business
   a) WHDC Affordable Housing Committee Update
      • April updated
   b) ULURP Application
      • 510 W 145th St – they are improving existing building. Committee to review before vote of support

VII. Adjourn - 8:30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th 2017 6:30pm – 583 Riverside Dr- 7th Floor