



Manhattan Community Board 9

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
Vaughn Jackson
Chris Johnson

Sylvia Tyler
Phoebe Sade-Arnold
Victoria Mason-Ailey-
Columbia

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 Forum. 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