

Housing Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting
Tuesday, ~~December~~ January 12, 2021 6:30 P.M.
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting

Committee Members: Signe Mortensen, Co-Chair: April Tyler, Anita Cheng, Annette Robinson,
David Hanzal, Liz Waytkus, Barry Weinberg, Ilana Mercado, Indiana Porta

Public Members: Olga Salcedo, Karen Ward-Gamble

Not in attendance: Olga Salcedo, Karen Ward-Gamble

Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 6:42
- II. Adopt Agenda April motion and Liz seconded
- III. Minutes: skipped
- IV. Introductions/Presentations/Announcements
- V. New Business Discussions
 - a. Press Conference for Child's memorial
 - i. April update on the vacant site that was sold to developer and demolished despite community opposition. Vacant site sitting for more than two years. Working to craft a proposal for permanent affordable housing – discussions went on for 9-12 months and stopped due to the pandemic. Committee needs to revisit those proposals now that we prefer. Recent discussion with DHS saying it will be a homeless shelter and there is nothing the CB can do about it. Asking for those on the call to support the effort by sharing with press and coming to the event while social distancing. Dates proposed are the end of the month - January 25th or 26th. Event would begin at approximately 10am. Date will be settled shortly.
 - b. Educational workshops/guests on zoning other building code/sustainability-related organizations – April is suggesting using the discretionary funds to hold community education events. One meeting a quarter outside of our regular meetings. Money used for advertising, mailing, creating printed materials.
 - i. Design
 - ii. Zoning
 - iii. Historic Preservation
 - iv. ULURP
- VI. Old Business; Subcommittee/taskforce reports
 - a. Recap of Dec 28th community discussion
 - i. RKO Hamilton Theater Development - Update by Dan Cohen about discussions with two developers OMNI and Brisa now working together. Community concerned about saving the theatre. Asking about acquiring the lobby now that commercial is no longer viable due to the pandemic. Might not be fully restored but a possible opportunity. Acquire the corner building and build over that and not destroy the theater. No obligation to

work with this group and nothing in stone but new options. They will come back to us to discuss.

- ii. 142nd Street and Riverside Drive – April spoke with BP office and DCP that the application is still in draft and cannot release it to us. Timeline to release was estimated to be January. April would like to see a delay on the certification of their application, so we don't have to scramble to comment. DCP does not have a final complete application from them. No change on the ground from Liz. Liz updated on the Historic District presentation at Parks and Landmarks that includes this site for designation.
- iii. 147-148/Amsterdam - Child's Memorial
- b. Development we are watching
 - i. St Luke's Proposed Development – coming to present at the next meeting
 - ii. Permits filed for 153rd btw/Broad-Riverside – April said we cannot see the permits yet but are asking them to come to a meeting. A tall building mid-block is terribly out of context. Will invite CB12 to come to our meeting.
 - iii. 461 Convent -150th/Convent – new development starting and unclear if the church would be included or demolished in this project
- c. MHCC – Robert Stern update on EIS that needs to be completed. There have been delays due to the pandemic. Rezoning of the southern end of the district has been a priority for more than a decade.
- d. HDFC - April update on coalition planning another webinar on January 19th at 6:30pm of to assist HDFCs with navigating pandemic disruptions, complications and financial issues. A lawyer will be present. Another meeting on January 27th with candidates for comptroller and then city-wide candidates.
- e. NYCHA – April updated on RAD program and Manhattanville houses. Work has not started but will invite the residents and developer to an upcoming meeting. There is state legislation to restructure NYCHA. April will invite someone to a future meeting to speak on this legislation and its ramifications. Michael Henry Adams suggested we reach out to the council member from Brooklyn newly added to the Landmarks committee. April will reach out to him and Liz, Yuien and Michael to coordinate a meeting.

VII. Action Items

- a. Department of City Planning's application, Zoning for Coastal Flood Resiliency

VIII. Announcements

- a. Greater Harlem Coalition 2021 Town Hall will be held on January 14th at 7pm.
- b. There was a short discussion about St. Nick's Pub site and what was happening. Ilana said she believed litigation was ongoing and would report back next month.

IX. Adjourn-Next Meetings: Signe motion. David second. All in favor.