

**Housing Land Use and Zoning Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, Sept 20th  
6:30 P.M.**

**Location: Broadway Housing Communities, 583 Riverside Drive, 7<sup>th</sup> 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/Ilana)**
- 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 140<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> @ WEACT on 152<sup>nd</sup> and Amsterdam; Thursday Sept 28<sup>th</sup> @ UHAB 2238 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10a-2p @ Our Children's Foundation 527 W 125<sup>th</sup> St, 3<sup>rd</sup> FL
  - Need everyones help to spread the word and flyer in NYCHA buildings to bring residents out.
  - RSVP requested: [goo.gl/xiwDwg](http://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 27<sup>th</sup> @ 10am- 250 Broadway 12<sup>th</sup> FL
  - Columbia Interns to help flyering?

#### **Announcements-**

- Walter teaching Right to the City class @ Red Oak on 99<sup>th</sup> 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 145<sup>th</sup> St – they are improving existing building. Committee to review before vote of support

#### **VII. Adjourn - 8:30pm**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017 6:30pm – 583 Riverside Dr- 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**