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Housing Committee October 7, 2019, 7:30 p.m. Board Office

*** MINUTES ***

Present: Henry Flores, Raja Flores, Green John, Kamwa Jean-Pierre, Xavier Santiago, NY Whitaker, Candy Vives-Vasquez, Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: None

Absent: Denilyn Arciaga, Jeremiah Scholtman (Chair), Shawn Smith, and Jenny Tromski

Guests: Lydia Guorron-Barlow, Eshawn Hall, and Jin Kim

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7:35pm

Adoption of Agenda—Motion to adopt the agenda by Candy Vives-Vasquez, second by Xavier Santiago, passed unanimously.

2. Informational Updates – None
3. Committee Discussions

Committee discussion to draft FY 2021 Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests

- Angel walked us through our section of the SDN & Budget requests which is due before this Thursday's Executive session the following was suggested:

- Add additional language pertaining to developing deeper affordable housing as the current developments do not sufficiently address the fact that residents live below 30% AMI - this will be added to the first capital request and additionally will have its own section

- Also, in the first capital request we are to add language pertaining to additional housing for disabled, mentally ill and or homeless veterans

- Several capital requests were made for NYCHA:

A. Additional funding be provided from the months of August till end of October which are the months which is when residents must renew their leases. The funding will cover additional computers in the management offices so that residents without computer or internet can with the help of multi-lingual staff fill out the online forms. Forms can no longer be handed in hard copy. The new capital should also be used to ensure that NYCHA's online lease renewal site is kept running adequately and provides notification once tenants leases are submitted.

B. Capital for additional NYCHA vans to address tenant needs throughout the city as only 3 exists.

C. Additional capital to finish the new front and back doors and lighting throughout NYCHA as this a real safety concern

4. Old Business

NYCHA forum delayed due to inability to get speakers to commit. Consideration being given to having the forum on afterwork on a weekday the week after thanksgiving.

5. New Business

a. Urgent HDFC Issue for Community Boards: Local Law 64b - not discussed since we did not have all the facts

b. Angel recommended that the committee take a stance on the infill / nycha conversion issue. The stance should be more of a guidance rather than a hard position at this time.

c. NYCHA Youth Symposium - Xavier working with human services and youth and education committees to develop a youth symposium to address the gun violence issue in CB 11 as well as discuss summer jobs, and other available community resources that are available to local youth.

6. Announcements – None

7. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm

Motion to adjourn by Candy Vives-Vasquez , second by Xavier Santiago, passed unanimously.