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Housing Committee
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 6:30 p.m.
Board Office

***** MINUTES *****

Present: Denilyn Arciaga, Henry Flores, Raja Flores, John Green, Xavier Santiago, Marline Pierre (Staff)

Excused: Jeremiah Schlotman

Absent: Jean-Pierre Kamwa, Candy Vives-Vasquez, Ny Whitaker

Guests: Allie Fischgrund, Tenants & Neighbors

1. Call to Order – Meeting was called to order at 6:39 P.M.
2. Adoption of Agenda—Motion to adopt the agenda made by John Green, second by Xavier Santiago, passed unanimously at 7:56 P.M.
3. Informational Updates
 - a. Xavier Santiago and John Green: Youth Symposium (the event will be coordinated between the Housing and Youth & Education committees) anticipated to be held on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Harlem Success Academy, 410 E 100th St. The anticipated the will be 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
 - b. Raja Flores: “Fully Fund Public Housing” Albany rally on Thursday, February 13, 2020, organized by Housing for Justice for all Coalition. Raja Flores asked, what is the impact or efficacy of Manhattan Community Board 11’s (CB11) presence in attending these events?
4. Presentation and Committee Discussion
 - a. Committee discussion on response to the FY 2021 Preliminary Budget
 - i. FY2021 tracking code **311202110E** request of “other public housing maintenance, staffing, and management requests” should not be a capital request but a budget request as remarked Santiago.

- ii. FY2021 tracking code **311202116E** request to “expand programs for housing inspections to correct code violations” has been responded with “this is not a budget request” by HPD. Santiago and Green urge that it is a budget request for additional personnel.
 - b. Committee discussion regarding DRAFT Where We Live Plan
 - i. Arciaga provided concerns with Chapter 3 and the achievements to date from NYC not being reflective within the East Harlem community district; suggestion to do a cross-comparison in order to further prove that disenfranchised communities tend to stay left out of the narrative because they are not part of the solutions; the outline of goals and strategies in Chapter 6 are crucial to the Housing committee since 19 out of 24 relate to affordable housing.
- 5. Old Business
- 6. New Business
- 7. Announcements
 - a. Fair Fares, discounted MetroCards in NYC
 - i. Xavier Santiago: one of the criteria for qualifying is proof of income - recommend a streamlined and automatic process during tax season; response by Green: senior citizens or NYCHA residents having the ability to get taxes done for free.
 - b. NYCHA rent calculation clinic on February 11, 2020 from 10 A.M. – 12 P.M. at the Little Sisters of the Assumption located at 333 East 115th Street
 - i. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House in partnership with Little Sisters of the Assumption will be hosting a NYCHA rent calculation clinic on February 11, 2020 from 10am-12pm at Little Sisters of the Assumption, 333 East 115th Street. This FREE legal clinic provides interested NYCHA residents with the opportunity to meet with a pro bono attorney and have their rent calculated to determine if they are being overcharged and assist with next steps in getting the rent adjusted.
 - c. Lenox Terrace Rezoning
 - i. Denilyn Arciaga: CPC approved the Lenox Terrace Rezoning Proposal from Olnick, in opposition with CB10, CB11, and Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President
- 8. Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M. Motion to adjourn made by Denilyn Arciaga, second by Raja Flores, passed unanimously at 7:20 P.M.