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Housing Committee April 3, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Community Board Office

*** Minutes ***

Present: John Green, La Shawn Henry, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman (Chair), Shawn Smith, Nilsa Orama (ex officio), Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: Henry Flores

Absent: Emily Grajales, Jean-Pierre Kamwa

Guests: Chris Cirillo, Lott CDC; Ismene Speliotis, MHANY; T. Rivera, EBEHCLT; Metin Serci; Ana Toaspern; Pilar de Jesus, UJC; Jake Gottfried, MHANY; Raja Flores, Mt. Siani; Steven Villanueva, CB11; Jenny Tromski

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda
2. Informational Updates
3. Presentations & Discussions
 - a. Discussion on services and outreach related to the Landlord Ambassadors Program in East Harlem (20 mins)

Ismene Speliotis of the Mutual Housing Association of New York (“MHANY”) presented on this program, which is targeted to assisting landlords of buildings of between 5 and 40 units. These buildings may or may not have affordable units. The program provides technical assistance to landlords who are in danger of losing their buildings to tax lien sales; additional affordable units may be created through the use of regulatory agreements. MHANY finds owners one of two ways: 1) through HPD referrals and 2) through community outreach. The latter is the bigger component, and MHANY is seeking deeper and expanded partnerships with community partners to increase outreach efforts.

- b. Informational presentation about JustFix.nyc

Metin Sarci presented on an app that has been in existence for approximately one year. The app is an expansive tool that, among other things, provides a central location to store evidence, such as documentation on repairs, like complaints and photos, or overcharges. It also

contains know-your-rights information. The app can be used as a tool in affirmative or defensive housing litigation and is currently offered in English and Spanish.

4. Old Business
 - a. Continuing discussion East Harlem Rezoning Points of Agreement
 - b. Continuing discussion on Capital and Expense Budget Requests
5. New Business
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment: The meeting was called to an end at 7:53pm. There was no motion because the committee did not have quorum.