Housing Committee
June 5, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Community Board Office

*** Minutes ***

Present: Henry Flores, Emily Grajales, John Green, Xavier Santiago, Jeremiah Schlotman (Chair), Angel Mescain (staff)

Excused: Shawn Smith

Absent: La Shawn Henry, Jean-Pierre Kamwa

Guests: Lydia Guerrero, CVH; Jenny Tromski, CB11; Denilyn Arciaga

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Henry Flores, second by John Green, passed unanimously at 6:13pm.

2. Informational Updates:
   - Xavier Santiago participated in a CB11 walk-through of Taft Houses and discussed possible use of abandoned storefronts as resources to the residents.
   - Angel Mescain and Nilsa Orama participated in an initial meeting on May 29, 2018 with Fortune Society to discuss Fortune Society’s selection as a developer of three HPD sites on the north side of 124th St between Park and Lexington. Fortune Society is interested in replicating its project called “The Castle” on the west side in Community Board 9, which will entail a mix of half supportive housing and half permanently affordable housing.
   - The Rent Guidelines Board is holding public hearings around the city regarding its annual determination of rent increase percentages for rent-stabilized renewal leases

3. Presentations & Discussions

   a. FY 2020 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities: The committee briefly reviewed the Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities for FY 2019 and determined that it would set dates in the near future to begin work editing the document for FY 2020. The committee engaged in a discussion with the public to discuss the purpose of this review process, namely to update the narratives and requests to reflect current needs and realities of Community Board 11.

4. Old Business
a. Continuing discussion on East Harlem Rezoning Points of Agreement: The committee discussed that HPD was supposed to present this on specific housing commitments. The committee will ensure HPD presents in the near future so that the committee can ensure compliance with the housing commitments contained in the East Harlem Points of Agreement. The committee provided a general overview to the public of the Points of Agreement and encouraged committee members and members of the public to remain familiar with the contents. Xavier Santiago stated that there is a work in progress of a list to track commitments contained in the Points of Agreement. The committee exhorted the public to remain participative in this process.

b. Continuing discussion on Capital and Expense Budget Requests: The committee discussed the need for its members to stay abreast of the requests to ensure they are up to date.

5. New Business

6. Announcements

7. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Henry Flores, second by Xavier Santiago, passed unanimously at 6:57pm.