

CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10 LAND USE and HOUSING COMMITTEE December 19th 2019

Present

Lisa Downing, Chair of Land Use, Delsenia Glover, Victoria Horsford, Karen Dixon, Mari Moss, Shatic Mitchell, Charles Powell, Chair of Housing, Nilsa Orama, Chair of CB 11

Absent/Excused

Dr. Hazel Dukes, Stephen Johnson, George Harrell, Jerika Richardson, Raquel Vazquez, Keith Taylor, Derek Perkinson, Stanley Gleaton, Donna Gill

Presentations:

HDFC and Local Law 64

April Tyler, Co-Chair of CB #9 Housing, Land Use & Zoning Committee and Michael Palma, CB #9 Member of the Landmarks Preservation & Parks committee updated the committee on the amended Local Law 64 submitted by Councilmember Mark Levine. As previously stated, the law was intended to target building landlords and make them register their rent-regulated units with the city through an affordable housing portal. The amendment seeks to exempt HDFC apartments from the annual reporting requirement in the portal. Additionally, HDFC owners selling their units would not be fined for not managing the application process on vacant of soon to be vacant units. The request is for CB10 to adopt a resolution that supports the Amendment to Intro 1783-A of 2019 to Amend Local Law 64 of 2018.

Mart 125 – Ethel Bates

Ethel Bates, Community Activist, is working with Marginal Neighborhood Economic Development Corporation (MNEDC) to secure site control of Mart 125 in order to develop low income housing, a culinary program, and other economic development initiatives. Ms. Bates was informed that site control was with the Economic Development Corporation. The board recommended that MNEDC contact them in order to become a candidate for site control. Ms. Bates expressed concern alluding to past experiences that were challenging with unsatisfactory outcomes. Ms. Bates has already presented at CB 10 Economic Development Committee.

Community member suggested that the space could also be utilized by non-profits and artists, as well as for a low-income housing initiative. There is no action at this time for either committee until site control is secured by MNEDC.

Old Business

Harlem Parrish sought assistance from the CB10. Chair of the Land Use met with developer to resolve the issue.

La Hermosa ULURP application was approved by the City Council. Councilmember Perkins, who previously opposed the project, supported the project with a letter to the City Council.

New Business

C. Lewis, a resident on Striver's Row at 246 W.138th Street, has not had hot water, gas or electricity for 241days. Ms. Lewis was referred to the District Manager to assist to securing additional help.

There were no voting items. The meeting was adjourned at 8:0 pm.