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## **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**Meeting Minutes**  
**September 26, 2022**

### **Meeting Commenced at 6:35pm**

Welcome:

- a. The Chair welcomed newest Housing Committee Members
    - Chairperson Cecily Harris joined in welcoming:
    - Brianna McClure; Mikeala Berry and Lydell Tyson to the Committee
  - b. Introductions
    - i. The Chair asked existing committee members and Board members in attendance to introduce themselves,
    - ii. Present were Hon. Donna Gill, Housing Committee Vice-Chair; Hon. Shamier Settle; Hon. Dominic Boyce; Hon. Staci Ramos; Hon. Ganisha Metcalf; Hon. Brianna McClure;
    - iii. Hon. Lydell Tyson was excused from the meeting due to his overseas travel;
    - iv. Elected officials - Present
      1. Ovie Lattimore III - Senior Legislative Aid/Budget Director, to Councilmember Kristin Richardson Jordan
      2. Minah Whyte - Community Liaison to Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine
2. Elected Official Presentations:
- a. Ovie Lattimore Presentation: Note: Kristen Richardson-Jordan Housing Task Force Team has joined the Housing Committee meeting and Mr. Lattimore presented on the following three topics
    - i. Legislation on-
      1. defining Local median income- how to DEFINE affordable housing
      2. Re-define how to talk about Affordability
    - ii. HPD and their role in creating affordable housing
    - iii. Housing first city instead of right to shelter
    - iv. Tenant Interim Lease (TIL) program- city programs that are supposed to support home ownership

- v. -Community Land Trust CLT) - exists in East Harlem, El Barrio Land Trust
  - 1. Gave a presentation and KRJ team now exploring their own land trust
  - 2. This issue coincides with our agenda
- vi. Contact information:  
 Ovie Lattimore III Contact Information in Chat:  
*Legislative & Budget Director, New York City Council*  
*District 9, Councilmember Kristin Richardson Jordan*  
*(929) 595-4579*
- b. MBP, Minah Whyte
  - i. Those who are facing eviction or housing displacement - Right to Counsel for tenants
    - 1. System is not working because there are not enough lawyers
    - 2. Exploring other avenues to help “outside of the breadcrumbs”
    - 3. Between now and October meeting will circle back with more on our thoughts on this issue so that we can contribute to finding new resources
    - 4. From the chat:
    - 5. [https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/9/12/23350073/mayor-wants-hire-pro-bono-lawyers-fill-city-lawyer-job-vacancies?\\_amp=true](https://www.thecity.nyc/2022/9/12/23350073/mayor-wants-hire-pro-bono-lawyers-fill-city-lawyer-job-vacancies?_amp=true)
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  - ii. CB8- NYCHA/ Public Housing
    - 1. Public Housing to Prison Pipeline - 9/28 6:30pm
    - 2. Please contact me at johntmaher@yahoo.com re the meeting on Wednesday. Thanks, John T. Maher
- c. Dr. Malcolm Punter, President & CEO - Harlem Congregations for Community Improvement (HCCI - Update on the Bradhurst Brownfield Development Study
  - i. Supported by Department of State and awarded to HCCI
  - ii. To determine how to identify -strategic sites for development either in real estate or environmental deficient areas
  - iii. Based on a larger federal SuperFund legislation- provides state governments with funding to clean up sites / vacant land that has been contaminated by petroleum or other toxic waste
  - iv. Harlem- 130th and up has environmental damage from
  - v. Underground streams
    - 1. Grant is to study historical 145th between lenox and 5th - is a brownfield site
      - a. Tanks leak
      - b. Susceptible to earthquakes
    - 2. 3rd iteration
      - a. This is a continuing conversation and dialogue and welcome futur
    - 3. Sites may be publicly or privately owned
    - 4. How community wants to see their community developed

5. Will document conversations with community
      - a. Examples- 1. Film production company on 146 between 8th and 7th was abandoned for 30 years and the film proofs that had been stored there were toxic and seeped into the soil
        - i. State funding was leveraged to clean up the toxins from the site
      - b. Was replaced with a senior center after it was cleaned up - 203 West 146th street - now home to 65 seniors
    - vi. \$299,970 dollars was granted and need to find local match of 10% total budget is \$300,000
    - vii. Mud Workshop
      1. 30% of grant proceeds are awarded to MWBE
      2. Have experience in working here
    - viii. Project Advisory Committee
    - ix. Outreach & community engagement task
      1. Past work: <https://www.hcci.org/brownfield-opportunity-area-report->
      2. Environmental impact project for HGIC
    - x. Questions
    - xi. WRAP meetings
    - xii. Will share written presentation
3. CB10 District Needs Survey
  - a. To be completed by CB Board members and Community Members
  - b. Annual charter mandated process that informs the budget process for FY 2024
  - c. Helps us prepare the statement of district needs
  - d. Deadline to respond to survey is October 31st (10/31/22)
    - i. [CB 10 District Needs Survey](#)
  - e. Please share with your networks!
4. Old Business:
  - a. **Letter of Support - 206 West 120th Street, NY NY**
    - i. The Legal Aid Society, on behalf of residents at the above listed building now asks CB 10 to submit to HPD a Letter of Support asking, among other things for HPD to negotiate in good faith to allow the residents make this conversion to permanent home ownership
    - ii. Draft Letter to be submitted to CB 10 Executive Committee on September 28, 2022 and if approved to the General Board on October 5, 2022
    - iii. The Letter of Support will echo letter previously sent by CB 10 to former Commissioner Louise Carroll on the same subject in October, 2021
    - iv. Hon. Donna made a motion to support the proposed Letter of Support
    - v. Motion was seconded and approved without any nays or abstentions or recusals
5. New Business:
  - a. There was no New Business presented at this meeting

- b. Succession Rights to be added to next month's meeting, as requested by Community Member, Dr.K Samuels
- 6. Announcements:
  - a. None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.