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## **HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, February 23, 2022 6:30 PM**

**Members in Attendance:** Hon. Charles Powell; Hon. Donna Gill; Hon. Katherine Giscombe; Hon. Kathy James; Hon. Shamier Settle; Hon. Dominick Boyce; Hon. Shawn Brannon; Hon. Staci Ramos (Excused); Hon. Terri Wisdom; Hon. Delsenia Glover

### **1. Welcome by Housing Committee Chair Charles Powell**

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM
- The Chair asked each Housing Committee Board member to introduce themselves;
- The Chair introduced and acknowledged other Board members in attendance;
- The Chair acknowledged a number of community members in attendance.

### **2. Remarks by Elected Official or their Representatives:**

- Hon. Kristin Richardson-Jordan, NYC Councilwoman offered remarks;
- Minah Whyte of NYS Assemblyman Al Taylor offered remarks;
- \_\_\_\_\_ of US Congressman Adriano Espaillat offered remarks.
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### **3. Presentations:**

There were no Presentations Scheduled for this Meeting.

### **4. Old Business**

There was no Old Business presented at this meeting.

### **5. New Business:**

#### **A. 206 West 120th Street - Draft Letter of Support Tenant Interim Lease (TIL) Program**

- The Housing Committee has received a formal request for a Letter of Support from the NYC Legal Aid Society to request that the Commissioner of New York City Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) reverse the decision of the Agency removing the thirty (30+) plus, long-term residents of this development out of the TIL program thereby depriving them of the opportunity of cooperative home ownership and the establishment of themselves as an Housing Development Fund Cooperative (HDFC);
- Our Community Board has previously supported the residents of 206 West 120<sup>th</sup> Street and the Legal Aid Society when it was previously removed from the TIL



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Program and Legal Aid successfully worked out a legal resolution of the challenge they brought through an Article 78 Proceeding through a Stipulation of Settlement that HPD alleges the tenants have violated. The requested Letter of Support strongly suggests that the Stipulation of Settlement has not been violated by the residents and that the determination by HPD that they have is not supported by evidence and is arbitrary and capricious;

- It should be noted that as the Housing Committee is considering the request of the residents through the Legal Aid Society, a Letter of Support has already been provided by NYC Councilwoman Richardson-Jordan and that there is anticipated that Legal Aid would receive a Letter of Support from State Senator Cordele Cleare;
- Charles Alvarez, Esq., presented on behalf of the Legal Aid Society and set forth the reasons why the decision of HPD is arbitrary where for example HPD is asking residents to provide financial/banking information which no longer exists or other information impossible to deliver;
- A motion was made to provide a Letter of Support to the Legal Aid Society that would ask that HPD Commissioner Carrion reverse the decision to remove these residents from the TIL program. The motion carried unanimously and the matter would proceed to the CB 10 Executive Committee for further consideration.

**B. Esplanade Gardens Capital Improvements**

- While this matter was not on the Agenda for this meeting, the Chair was reminded that it was stated in an earlier Housing Committee meeting that we would continue our previous discussions on this project and provide updates and it was clearly expected by community members that they expected this discussion to occur at this meeting;
- As a result, the Chair committed to the fact that the subject of the Esplanade Gardens Capital Project will be officially on the March, 2022 Housing Committee Agenda and that this Committee will take as much time as possible to ensure that this matter gets the attention it warrants;
- In addition, the Chair responded affirmatively to requests from committee members to provide information that our District office has received from Esplanade's Coop Board and project team in advance of our next meeting.

**6. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.