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Housing Committee Meeting
May, 14, 2013
6:30PM
Hon. Barbara J. Nelson, Chair

Attendees: B. Nelson, L. Moreno, D. Parcesais, And D. Gill

Presentation:

Milka Rodriguez began her presentation on Environmental Awareness on Clean Heat. She informed the group of the many buildings in New York City, especially in the Harlem Community that continue to use #6 oil burning furnaces rather than the more environmentally safe #4 or #2 natural gas.

She explained how it would be better if the proper installation of weatherization was used it would take less contaminate oil and the importance for the environment and the residents.

She reported that many of the new buildings must use the #4, and that many of the schools still have old furnaces, and an agreement was reached with the Mayor and New York City that would allow them to make the environmentally safe changes by 2030. This has hindered other buildings from making the change and some are challenging this ruling and asking for the same time limits.

Piping in the older buildings, like the radiators would be very costly and frankly is a lot of work.

The costs could be attributed to the residents in the form of MCI's (major capital improvements). These MCI's could be questioned as to the age of the equipment, if eligible or not, itemized breakdowns should be requested and the tenants and residents are entitled to an assessment and breakdown.

The information provided to the Housing Committee was informative and useful and Ms. Rodriquez would like to present to the full Board.

Follow Up:

Daniel provided information on the training the Committee attended on the Database of Federally Subsidized Housing, stating how this information can be used based on demographics, community districts, and city councils. It will tell you when these subsidies initiated and when they will expire. This information can be accessed and used by the public.

<u>Announcements:</u> next Housing Meeting scheduled for June 11, 2013 and it will be the last meeting before summer break.