



Community Board 12M

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Housing and Human Services Committee Minutes

Call to order

A meeting of Housing and Human Services was held at 530 W. 166th Street, 6th floor, small conference room on October 5, 2017 at 7:06PM. Quorum was established.

Committee Members Present

Ayisha Ogilvie, Barbara Frazier, Ariel Miranda, Fern Hertzberg, Jay Mazur and Victor Pena-Bastalla

Committee Members Absent

Carlos Cuero

Member of the Public

Ten members of the public were present

Reports

INTRODUCTION AND UPDATES

- Introduction of members
- Ayisha gave a welcome statement and went over the agenda

NORTHERN MANHATTAN COMMUNITY LAND TRUST WORKING GROUP

- Floor was given to Paul Epstein (member of the Northern Manhattan Community Land Trust Working Group)
- Paul Epstein provided handouts to everyone and started his presentation
- Paul Epstein started presentation on Community Land Trusts (CTLs)
- Paul Epstein informed everyone to visit nyccli.org for more information on CTLs
- Barbara communicate to Paul the variety of workshops provided by Gale Brewers' office
- Ayisha explained why it is important for the community to embrace CLTs
- Paul answered questions asked committee members
- Barbara suggested Paul that his group should also focuses on cooperative housing and promote home ownership
- Member of EDC (Charlie Samboy) was present and commented that EDC currently does not have a position on CLTs

INWOOD REZONING - EDC SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

- Barbara emphasized that we will be reviewing items of the EDC scope of work that touch housing and human services
- Discussion surfaced regarding the boundaries on Inwood
- “EDC doesn’t disagree that areas below Dyckman belong to Inwood” - Charlie Samboy
- EDC has no position on expanding the current proposal
- The current zoning proposal currently analyzes the environmental impact and it is not the final proposal that could be submitted - Charlie Samboy
- Charlie Samboy suggested everyone to submit questions via e-mail (csamboy@edc.nyc)
- Conversation surfaced regarding traffic and the example of Nagle / 207th intersection was made by Fern
- Charlie suggested everyone to submit question as to how studies are being made
- Charlie explained the 19 categories of impact
- *(comments about the EDC were being loaded on the computer screen)*
- Member of the public Walter South provided handouts for an online class called “Creating affordable housing in your community” which will be offered online and in-person for more information you can reach him via e-mail (south@nyc.rr.com)
- *(comments about the EDC were loaded on computer screen)*
- Ayisha displayed the comments submitted by “Unified Inwood” so we could review them and see what the community has voiced
- **Important points from their comments that were discussed:**
- MIH results in displacement
- High-rises shouldn’t be built in “potential flood zones”
- Impact of climate change
- Sustainable improvements - utilization of CTLs
- Transportation Impact
- Homelessness concern
- Rent burden
- Document from “Unified Inwood” is available on the “Inwood Preservation” Facebook page
- We also reviewed the “State of New York Housing and Neighborhood - Washington Heights and Inwood) by the NYU Furman Center (available on coredata.nyc)
- Median rent Burden: 32.5% (2015)
- Severely rent-burdened households: 31.8%
- Severely rent-burdened households, low income: 45.7%
- Comment was made by member of the public regarding Senior citizens housing (SCRIE) being removed by the rezoning
- Discussion surfaced on the topic of the vacancy rate ranking and noise ranking
- Noise pollution study question was asked by member of the public
- We reviewed the impact categories of the proposal to make sure we cover items that relate to housing and human services
- Ariel commented regarding hazardous materials affected water provided to apartments and schools
- We discussed the land marking of historical locations to make sure they are preserved
- While discussing the impact of human services we talked about having adequate numbers of shelters, clinics and hospitals

HHS BUDGET PRIORITIES

- FY 2018 - Expense and Capital ranking sheets were handed to the members of the public

EXPENSE RANKING:

- **FY 2018 - EXPENSE RANKING (1) 312201401E**
Changing to: Increase funding for mandatory “right to counsel” for anyone who pays 50% of their income in rent (rent burdened) and also increase funding for legal representation in court
- **FY 2018 - EXPENSE RANKING (2, 3)**
No changes
- **FY 2018 - EXPENSE RANKING (4) (was #7 and modified)**
Changing to: Increase tenant support unit specialties specific to CB12
- **FY 2018 - EXPENSE RANKING (5)**
Added: Fund greater understandable access for better filtered data per district
- **FY 2018 - EXPENSE RANKING (6)**
No changes
- **FY 2018 - EXPENSE RANKING (7 - new item)**
Funding for a survey to perform a land study for affordable housing

CAPITAL RANKING

- **FY 2018 - CAPITAL RANKING (1)**
Adding sentence to the beginning: “Allocate additional funding for the completion of...”
- **FY 2018 - CAPITAL RANKING (2)**
Changing sentence after word priority: “should be given to non-profit organizations and community land trusts that are partnered with non-profit developers. Emphasis should be given to 100% affordable housing based on AML.
- **FY 2018 - CAPITAL RANKING (3)**
No changes
- **FY 2018 - CAPITAL RANKING (4)**
No changes
- **FY 2018 - CAPITAL RANKING (5)**
Removed from capital ranking
- **FY 2018 - CAPITAL RANKING (6)**
Now number five

HDFC CITYWIDE THIRD-PARTY TRANSFER / FORECLOSURE

- Barbara explained the details of the (new item #5) on the capital ranking which related to item number five of the meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10PM, no objections.

