



# Community Board 12, Manhattan

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## HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE September 7, 2023 7 PM

[Youtube \(https://www.youtube.com/live/N1ty6bYc05I?si=erBtHmRYCKRNi93Y\)](https://www.youtube.com/live/N1ty6bYc05I?si=erBtHmRYCKRNi93Y)

### HHS Committee Members Present

#### **In person**

Marielle Ali, *Chair*  
Emily Marte, *Asst-chair*  
Jay Baez  
Richard Allman

#### **Virtually**

Marshall Vanderpool, *Public Member*  
Michelle Lee  
Tanasha Grant

#### Guests

Catherine McGrath  
Jessie Matei  
Nancy Ayala

### **Shared Resources in Zoom Chat**

- Uptown People's Survey
  - English Survey: <https://form.jotform.com/232074623118046>
  - Spanish Survey: <https://form.jotform.com/232145219150143>

### **1. Call to Order – 7:13 PM**

### **2. Welcome & Introductions**

### **3. Discussion of Budget Priorities**

- i. Process of budget rankings and timeline was summarized. Encourage folks to read budget ranking documents sent by CB12 office.
- ii. Reviewed last year's Capital Budget Rankings
- iii. One does not see the results of what happens to them after they are established. Is there follow-up with the rankings?
- iv. No tracking codes for housing and human services budget rankings and certain other committees because the document is a draft. Tracking codes used to find specifics on each ranking in the Register of Community Board Budget Requests.
  1. Responses are vague and non-specific- Hard to engage in process because of OMB responses in Register
- v. Review budget rankings in Register to understand what has been done for next meeting!

- vi. Next steps: We will send tracking codes to the members- hard to engage to responses. Very vague responses. OMB which coordinates with other agencies.
  1. Everyone come with top 3 housing and human services priorities. Review documents
  2. Spread word to neighbors and friends for next month

#### **4. Monthly Updates from Elected Representatives on Housing and Human Services**

- i. None present at meeting.
- ii. Follow up with elected reps on what they have been working on
- iii. Next steps: invite community providers and human services orgs.
- iv. Carmen De La Rosa and orgs created and distribute community survey for what they want her to focus on improving in the region. Block party on 163<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> annual peace walk with Santos
  1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Peace walk
- v. Tanesha shared survey for community in chat- Uptown People's survey in English and Spanish above.

#### **5. Discussion of Committee Goals**

- i. Reviewed External and Internal Committee Goals or issues/topics to address:
  1. Include some goals as budget or have budget in mind in every meeting.
  2. Need for more inspectors for buildings?
  3. Database or resource directory development
  4. Landlord issues and rent guidelines board.
  5. Mental Health- response by authorities and services

#### **6. Migrant Crisis**

- i. Tension in the city is at different levels. Shelters are overwhelmed by asylum seekers.
- ii. At the same time, NYC has the highest number of homelessness in the midst of a housing crisis. There is an intersection of several issues in housing and the migrant crises worsens it.
- iii. Data is needed on how many folks are present in our region or borough and how we are impacted.
- iv. Liz Ritter conducts event called Uptown Wagon with Mark Levine. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September. There will be donation collections and resources.
- v. Our communities are being put against each other because of the scarcity of resources. There are people that have been here for a long time that are already lacking resources. Being a sanctuary city puts more strife on an a stressed out city already. Hold elected officials accountable because we to have what we have. We have enough empty units in this region to house everyone.
- vi. Migrant Crisis Will break NYC- We have limits in resources and space. Something that has to be mentioned or taken into account.
- vii. How is it impacting the budget for our region? Is it a federal or state budget that is dipped into for resources.
- viii. Driven by court order that set off affordable housing development over last 40 years.

#### **7. New Business**

- i. Request to have Affordable housing communications/announcement within community- spread word about units like 37 hillside. More outreach.
- ii. Accessibility of community board listserv. Must share information with organizations and disseminate information.
- iii. Airbnb crackdown especially for rent stabilized building units through more enforcement. Registration will be required in the process of having an Airbnb in the city. Can be placed under a landlord issue category.

**8. Old Business**

- i. Site visit BRC men's shelter with Muzzy through Michelle Lee. Contact if you are interested for a site visit.

**9. Adjournment**

- i. 8:28 PM

Minutes by Emily Marte