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LAND USE AND HOUSING COMMITTEE
February 10, 2021

The Community Board 2, Manhattan Land Use and Housing Committee held one meeting on Wednesday, 2/10/21 @ 6:30 PM –Meeting Access via Video Conferencing.

Committee Members Present: Frederica Sigel (Chair), Doris Diether, Katy Bordonaro, Susan Wittenberg, Sandy Russo, David Gruber, Donna Raftery, John Paul DeVerna and Michael Levine

Committee Members Absent with Notice: Anita Brandt

Public Member Present: Sean Sweeney

Other Board Members Present: Carter Booth (CB2 Chair), Eugene Yoo, Susan Kent, Patricia Laraia, Valerie de la Rosa

Applications:

1. **216 Lafayette St. (between Broome and Spring Sts.) – BSA 61-12-BZ.** This application is filed pursuant to §§72-21 and 72-23 by 101 H 216 Lafayette LLC. The application seeks to: (i) amend the previously granted variance permitting the conversion of a portion of the cellar and first floor of the existing building to a Use Group 6 use to allow the expansion of the Use Group 6 use to the entire first floor and cellar level; (ii) extend the amount of time permitted to substantially construct the plans; and (iii) remove the 10-year renewal requirement.

   This was the first of two presentations by the applicant. A vote will be taken at the March meeting.

New Business:

1. Discussion of **New York City Council Intro 2186-2020: A local law to amend the New York City charter, in relation to requiring a comprehensive long-term plan.** This bill would create a ten-year comprehensive planning cycle connecting budget, land use, and strategic planning processes. The cycle would include a review of City conditions, including racial and socio-economic disparities, access to opportunity, displacement risk, short- and long- term risks, impacts of prior development and budget decisions, and current and projected infrastructure needs. A Citywide Goals Statement would set targets for housing, jobs, open space, resiliency infrastructure, City facilities, schools, transportation, public utilities, and other infrastructure.

   The committee voted unanimously that City Council's plan to vote on this bill in April without outreach to CB2 and time for discussion was ill-advised. We hope to be able to get our council member, or his representative, to make a presentation at a meeting on the topic scheduled for Wednesday, February 17.

   Respectfully submitted,

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