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CB2 Equity, Race & Justice Committee

October 2021 • Minutes

The Equity, Race & Justice Committee of Community Board 2, Manhattan met on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 @ 6:30pm via Video Conference.

CB2 Board Members Present: Mar Fitzgerald (Chair), Patricia Laraia (Vice-Chair), Akeela Azcuy, Katy Bordonaro, Matt Metzger, Antony Wong

Committee Members Absent w/ Notice: Amy Brenna

Public Members Present: J. Mills Pierre

Other CB2 Members Present: Jeannine Kiely (CB2 Board Chair), Carter Booth, Valerie De La Rosa, Chris Dignes, Ryder Kessler, Donna Raftery, Lois Rakoff, Eugene Yoo,

Presenters: Harold Miller (NYCRJC), Andrew Berman (GVSHP)

Attendees: Bethany Bengtson, Tilok Costa, Pete Davies, Ayo Harrington, Victoria I, Darlene Lutz, Roberto Monticello, Merble Reagon, Nathaniel Wice, Ben Yee,

Attendance: 26

AGENDA

1. **Racial Equity & the NYC Charter:** [Racial Justice Commission](#) • Harold Miller, Deputy Executive Director

Learn about the [interim report of key findings](#) from the Racial Justice Commission, including the six patterns of inequity, criteria for structural change, and your power in the Charter revision process.

2. **The History of Affordable Housing in CB2:** [Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation](#) • Andrew Berman, Executive Director

GVSHP works closely with affordable housing and tenant groups to help protect existing affordable housing and promote the inclusion of new affordable housing in our neighborhoods.

Resources:

Visit the RJC Website: [NYC Racial Justice Commission](#)

Download the RJC Report: [Racial Justice: An Interim Report from Racial Justice Commission Staff](#)

GVSHP: [Affordability and Preservation](#)

Article: [‘Trickle down’ affordable housing in NYC is a fail; Don’t force it on Soho, Noho, and Chinatown](#)

Summary: The CB2 ERJ Committee heard presentations from the [NYC Racial Justice Commission](#) on inequities in the City Charter, and began an examination of affordable housing in CB2, with a look at the history by Andrew Berman from GVSHP. Harold Miller, Deputy Executive Director of the RJC, shared the [interim report of key findings](#) from the Racial Justice Commission, including the six patterns of inequity, criteria for structural change, and the Charter revision process. Andrew Berman, Executive Director of the [Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation](#) shared the history of affordable housing in our neighborhoods.

Business Session: The committee discussed inviting the RJC back when its Charter Revision recommendations are finalized and to continue the topic affordable housing at future meetings.