

Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

NYCHA COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

September 4, 2019

Committee Chair: Nicholas Himidian, Jr.

Meeting Location: BRONX CB9 OFFICE Meeting Start Time: 7:15 PM

Board Members Present: Nicholas Himidian, Jr., Cruz Garcia, Steven Ochoa, Antoinette Vereen and District

Manager William Rivera

Board Members Not Present: Sharan Fernandez (excused)

Introduction

Committee Chair, Board Members & Guests

Old Business

1. Chairman Himidian, updated the committee of meeting with Senator Sepulveda (end of June) regarding the Sonia Sotomayor concerns that Cesar Pagan addressed with the committee.

New Business

- 1. Chairman Himidian, suggested that the Wednesday committee meeting change to the first Friday of every month (excluding holiday). The committee unanimously approved.
- 2. As per Chairman Himidian, the committee should list priorities and complete the easier tasks.
- 3. As per Chairman Himidian, the committee should write a letter to Justice Sonia Sotomayor and the Comptroller regarding the deplorable conditions of the Sotomayor Center.
- 4. Chairman Himidian suggested the committee should invite NYCHA Tennant Association Presidents and members to committee meetings as well as schedule site visits during 2019 / 2020.
- 5. Chairman Himidian suggested that the committee should consider attending NYCHA Tenant meetings to hear the concerns directly from the tenants.
- 6. As per Michael Beltzer (*Guest*), NYCHA will receive \$4.4 billion for repairs. Sonia Sotomayor is slated for boiler repair during the fall of 2019; Chairman Himidian recommended that the committee should follow up to ensure that the process begins.
- 7. Chairman Himidian stated that the committee should utilize Google Drive and/or Microsoft Teams to interact with one another during the month as means of communication including sharing letters and work product.

District Manager Update

- 1. A letter was sent to the Mayor referencing the proposed new men's shelter on Westchester Avenue and an immediate response was received from DHS, additional updates will follow and confirmed that Council Member Diaz's office sent a letter of objection as well.
- 2. 1600 Randall Ave a proposed shelter for single mothers with children, scheduled to open in 2020 will request the new shelter to present at the Social Services Committee for updates about programs.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM

Minutes drafted by CB9 Office Staff Member

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