



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

NYCHA Committee Meeting Summary

Committee Chair: Nicholas Himidian, Jr

November 8, 2019 – 7PM

Board Members Present: Nicholas Himidian, Cruz Garcia, Daniel Porro, Marisol Cordero, Sinade Wadsworth, Steven Ochoa, Sharan Fernandez, DM Rivera

Board Members Not Present: Antionette Vereen

Introduction

New Board Member Marisol Cordero introduced herself to the committee and shared that tenant rights is something she hopes the NYCHA Committee will engage. In addition, she hopes to tackle delays in NYCHA recertification as well as people who are displaced who live in NYCHA but are not on the annual recertification.

- The NYCHA Committee discussed the privatization of NYCHA as well as developments that are mixed financing. As per Loretta Masterson, Section 8 rent calculation is city based and section 9 is federal.

Speakers/Presentations

- Giselle Torres, Community Engagement Specialist spoke about the JobPlus Program in Soundview for NYCHA residents which has the objective of long term job retention and financial independence. Flyers of events were shared with the committee.
- Building 7 in Sackwern, 1810 Lafayette, has no gas since July. DM Rivera has been made aware of this matter. As per Chair Himidian, if gas is the primary sources of heat, this is a big issue. There has been some finger pointing between NYCHA and ConEdison regarding this matter. As per Chair Himidian letter should be drafted and press conference should be had regarding this matter. News 12 has already been contacted about this. Group Action lawsuit may also be an option. DM Rivera will involve local elected who are also aware of this situation.
- Sinade Wadsworth, Board Member, introduced herself, she is rep for the carpenters' union. Her job is to bring awareness about union opportunities to people who are not aware they exist. Committee is interested in possibly conducting a forum. As per DM Rivera, an open shop may be a good idea.

Old Business

- **Daniel Porro- PA'LANTE Update**

Resources at PA'LANTE event were very impressive. BM Daniel Porro is interested in hosting a similar workshop in the district on an annual basis.

- As per Daniel Porro, when someone is evicted from their home for whatever reason, those individuals should be put into a programs or shelters and not kicked out into the streets. Too much money is invested in shelters but not for housing, which is not affordable.
- As per Chair Himidian, affordable housing is very scarce if existent at all which is why it is important to advocate for 50% above and 50% below AMI with new developers in the district.
- As per BM Porro, Sotomayor should be made aware of the conditions of the center named after her and she should be invited to engage the youths, seniors, etc.
As per Chairman Himidian, the gym floor buckled at Sotomayor due to a leak. There are several things that need to get fixed; a letter was already sent out regarding these matters. Regardless, as per Chair Himidian another one should be sent out following a walk through. Bids did go out for gym work here.
- Motion to submit a letter to Supreme Court Justice Sotomayor in reference to the conditions at the Sotomayor Youth Center on Randall Ave was introduced by BM Porro and Chair Himidian and was second by Loretta Masterson.

DM Update

- DM Rivera discussed 1600 Randal Ave Family Shelter for mothers and children. They are slated to open in January. TA representatives may be invited to visit the site prior to opening. As per DM Rivera there will be 5 security guards with 24 hour shifts.
- DM Rivera is helping Stevenson Commons start a TA. Last meeting that was held 60 residents attended, 15 volunteered to be on tenant association.
- 669 White Plains Road will be a brand new Charter School. Seward and Beach Ave is also a small housing building that was an As of Right.
- Roxanne Reid from Castle Hill TA had a walkthrough with the CM on the same date as our dinner. DM will get an update on this meeting and report back.
- As per Loretta Masterson, there are a lot of group homes and shelters in the district that people are not aware of.
- MTA Bus Network came to the Public Transportation Meeting, changes will take place within a year and residents are tasked to look at the finalized plans.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM

Summary drafted by CB9 Office Staff

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