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HOUSING, HOMELESS, & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6:30 pm
433 1st Avenue at NYU School of Dentistry, Room 220

MEETING MINUTES

Present: Aissata Camara (Chair), Rajesh Nayer (Vice-Chair), Aaron Humphrey, Pamela Vassil, Molly Hollister (CB6 Chairperson), Cody Osterman (CB6 Staff)

Excused: Kyle Athayde, Carin von der Donk

Absent: Claude L. Winfield

Guests: Pei Ling He, Bellevue; Patricia Mars, Baruch College; Joe Parrish, CB6 Board Member

Call to order and Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes from Previous meeting.

Aissata Camara (Chair) called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm.

Rajesh Nayer (Vice Chair) made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Pamela Vassil and passed.

Aaron Humphrey made a motion to adopt the minutes from the April 10, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Rajesh Nayer and passed.

Committee Business

Aissata Camara suggested that we keep agenda items to fifteen minutes of discussion for each.

Agenda Item 1:

Report on ongoing committee project to investigate allotment of affordable housing units in District 6 by Aaron Humphrey included capturing the number of units still available from the following resources:

- List of inclusionary housing from Claude L. Winfield
- 421 A housing list from Cody Osterman
- HPD
- Department of Finance

The overall plan is to capture the number of registered units in District 6, culled from multiple sites, and push developers to comply with regulations. Discussion regarding penalties for non-compliance suggested that City fines are relatively meaningless, whereas change of non-profit status carried more weight.

Claude L. Winfield and Aaron Humphrey will continue working on this together. It was suggested that we invite someone from the offices of Ben Kallos or Carlina Rivera to speak with us about affordable housing.

Agenda Item 2:

Aissata Camara discussed and explained SCRIE and DRIE in relation to our planned Freeze Your Rent Forum on June 12th. We reviewed her May 7th memo to get an overview of our goals of and outcomes from our Forum. It was suggested that we engage Alfonso Abreu (Department of Finance), HPD representatives, as well as Elected Officials or their representatives to be present as partners at the forum as so that people could file applications to sign up for SCRIE and DRIE and ask questions. We reviewed seeking the help of NYU to find a suitable room for this gathering.

HHHR Committee members felt that the program was too limited and wanted to open up the scope of the Forum to a **HOUSING FAIR** so that we offer a more all-encompassing agenda for affordable housing. Attendees would be able to fill out paperwork for the various agencies through their representatives, which might include lawyers as well. It should offer the attendees a full range of options.

It was suggested that June 12th was too soon for such an ambitious program and the committee agreed to push the date to the fall, being mindful of religious holidays and school opening dates so that the potential attendees and speakers would not have conflicts.

Aissata's memo included a detailed run of show for this Housing Fair. We loosely discussed the tasks that committee members of HHHR and CB6 need to undertake for a successful and informative event. Advertising this Forum is key to have proper outreach to potential attendees. We agreed to send Aissata ideas for advertising the Housing Fair and signing up for the various required tasks.

Agenda Item 3:

We discussed Intro. 0716-2018 and Intro. 0601-2018, legislation regarding affordable housing.

Intro.0716 hasn't moved since March.

We suggested inviting one or more of the sponsors or members of their staffs to attend our next HHHR meeting in June to explain some of the complexities of the proposed bills. Even though we as a committee are in agreement about forcing the Mayor to present a plan for accountability and transparency, it is complicated and we would like more information. We chose not to write a supporting resolution until we have more information.

Chair's Report:

Aissata asked us to use Doodle to identify dates to visit Kenmore Hall.

She also said that she would identify her incoming emails that are Urgent or time sensitive. Priorities were discussed including older resolutions especially one regarding NYCHA. She said that in upcoming months we would be working to address our specified priorities.

Old/New Business:

Joe Parrish brought up an issue regarding more scholarships for low-income kids at Friend's Seminary School.

Rajesh Nayer discussed two CAB meetings:

- 30th Street, where they are implementing programs such as crafts, painting, It's My Park Day, etc. He also reported that there are more patrols planned at the shelter.
- 53rd Street Samaritan Village. Raj shared that there are 60K homeless people in NYC (that we know of). At Samaritan Village there are 127 beds. The clients are employable and stay there 3-9 months. DHS is sending clients not quite up to the standards of Samaritan. As a result, they are instituting patrols and carefully checking the planters where items can be hidden. Raj said that they are collecting items for the clients—such as clothes, toiletries, books, etc. and asked that we promote this among our members. They have a van and can do pick-ups.

The next CAB meeting is on May 15th at 6 pm at the new Safe Haven on 17th Street.

Adjournment:

Rajesh Nayer made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Aaron Humphrey and passed. Aissata Camara, Chair, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58.

Minutes submitted by Pamela Vassil