

HOUSING, HOMELESS, HUMAN RIGHTS

CB6 Monthly Committee Meeting

October 10, 2017

433 1st Avenue, NYC, Room 220 (NYU School of Dentistry)

Rajesh Nayar, Acting Chair

Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM

Present:

Rajesh Nayar

Pedro Carrillo

Aaron Humphrey

Carin van der Donk

Pamela Vassil

Claude L. Winfield

Public Member:

Sondra Leftoff

Excused: Aissata Camara, Mary Silver, Kathy Thompson

Guests:

Lori Boozer, Department of Homeless Services

Virginia Jeffries, CUNY

Asher Lindo-Fondo, NYU

Jesus Perez, CB6

Ronnie White. CB6

MINUTES

Agenda:

1. Lori Boozer, (boozer@HRA.HYC.Gov telephone: 646 689 6847), gave presentation regarding the Department of Homeless Services and their initiatives throughout the City. She provided updates about the shelters within our Community District.

Ms. Boozer is interim special advisor at Department of Homeless Services, taking over for Heidi Schmidt while they are actively searching for a replacement. In July, architects made a presentation regarding renovation. Meeting to be held on October 17th to discuss renovation and improvements to site.

Stats were discussed and later provided on the progress of sites—30th Street, 44th Street and 53rd Street.

Within shelter system, 70% are families and children.

Shelter and street outreach is provided by DHS. Questions came up about increasing drop-in centers, difference between shelters and safe havens, and faith-based sites.

Discussion followed about the new Mapplethorpe Safe Haven, 325 East 17th Street, opening in January 2018. Date to be determined for a Meet and Greet. This new site needs a Community Advisory Board and is looking for people to serve on that CAB, as bridge between community and Safe Haven. (Provider, DHS; Program, NYPD; Security for site is issue).

2. Discussion re: New York City Council legislation (Int No.1496) which would require the Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence and the New York Police Department to report information about the City's new Domestic Violence Initiatives. Bill is to streamline for accountability. Bill has been laid over for 7 months in Committee.

Questions re: lease termination, proof of restraining orders and police rejection. Other issues concerned vacancies at family centers. Need increase in counsel.

We voted to write a resolution to urge Speaker to bring this bill to the floor. Carin van der Donk volunteered to write it. Vote was 7-0 in favor of said resolution.

Meeting Concluded at 7:34 PM

Minutes submitted by Pamela Vassil