

COMMUNITY BOARD SIX: HOUSING HOMELESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING

February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017

NYU School of Dentistry, Nursing & Architecture, 433 First Ave, NY, NY, 10010

Rm: 220

Committee Members Present:

Rajesh Nayar  
Aaron Humphrey  
Pedro Carrillo  
Sarah Shamoon  
Mary Silver  
Pamela Vassil  
Claude Winfield

Public Member:

Sondra Leftoff

Excused:

Kathy Thompson

Guests:

Mary Crosby – Picture the Homeless  
Phyllis Nittoli – Picture the Homeless  
Barry Shapiro – CD 6 Resident

6:30pm Meeting called to order –

1) Committee discussed New York State Assembly member Andy Hevesi's Home Stability Support Plan. The program is intended to ensure reduction in homeless through rent supplements for families and individuals who are eligible for public assistance and are facing eviction, homelessness, or loss of housing due to domestic violence or hazardous conditions. Program would be 100% federally and state funded and replace all existing optional rent supplements. Committee to review draft of letter to Governor's office and incorporate it into a resolution, with an additional reference to the Advantage Program which preceded this program but was defunded by the State. Committee resolved 7 in favor and 0 opposed/abstained to move forward in support of this program. Sarah Shamoon to draft resolution for Committee review.

2) Picture the Homeless presented to the committee its initiative bills, The Housing Not Warehousing Act ("Act"). This Act is designed to give legislators and community partners the tools and data needed to effectively address vacancy. The intention is to equip these advocates to create new housing opportunities in their neighborhoods. This Act is in the planning stages and the agencies which would take the lead have not been verified. The number of vacant property which the Act relies on would be obtained through a "foot" count where volunteers would count vacant property by walking the district. The Act so far has the support of 26 city council members. Picture the Homeless further discussed Community Land Trusts. Committee to consider the bills.

3) Old/New Business

Committee discussed the Executive Order Protecting The Nation From Foreign Terrorist Entry Into The United States. Committee has serious concerns of the negative effect this will have on residents and those who work within the Community District. Committee discussed the order will effect funding on city and state programs. Committee to discuss further in March and potentially draft a resolution.

Aaron requested in March Committee to place on agenda a discussion public space in Phipps complex.

8:50 pm meeting adjourned  
Minutes submitted by Rajesh Nayar