

COMMUNITY BOARD SIX: HOUSING HOMELESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
MEETING

January 10th, 2017

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

Rm: 220

Committee Members Present:

Eugene Santoro  
Aaron Humphrey  
Mary Silver  
Kathy Thompson  
Claude Winfield

Public Member:

Excused:

Pedro Carrillo  
Sarah Shamoon  
Pamela Vassil  
Sondra Letoff

Guests:

Janice Hu – CD 6 Resident  
Elaine Tai – CD6 Resident  
Ronald Tu – CD 6 Resident  
Barry Shapiro – CD 6 Resident

6:37pm Meeting called to order – 6:48pm Meeting commenced

1) Committee updated on Steve Banks breakfast sponsored by New York Law School. Mr. Banks spoke of incremental improvements in the number of homeless in shelter and on the street. Without the programs in place, the numbers would potentially be around 70-80 thousand. Programs in place include job placement programs, LINC, HOMESTAT program, housing specialists involved in using LINC program as part of placement of clients of the various shelters in the five boroughs. Outreach programs have doubled over last year. Mental Health facilities are increasing, with 27 as of date of breakfast in place. With new legislation to protect against evictions of low-income tenants, there has been as of date of the breakfast a 24% reduction in evictions. Department of Social Services (Department of Homeless Services/Human Resources Administration) seeks to decrease number of cluster apartments (currently 11, 000; down from 30,000) as well as discontinue hotel and increase supportive housing but delays in funding.

2) Committee discussed future bills, including New York State Assembly bill sponsored by Mr. Andy Hevesi. This bill will supplement funding to ensure reduction in homeless. Committee to look into details of bill in February.

3) Committee discussed 421-a application for 587-591 Third Avenue. Committee checked Department of Buildings website for information on the off-site affordable housing which this application used Negotiated Certificates in lieu of building affordable on-site. Building on certificate contained a number of outstanding violations, current and historically. Committee discussed the obligations of applicants who utilize certificates to ensure that buildings attached to the certificate are free of violations and up to building code. The position is reinforced by the

Public Advocate's office yearly updated list of worse landlords in New York City. Committee moved to object to the granting of tax exemption by a vote of 6 in favor and 0 opposed. Chair to draft resolution due to deadline on response to application.

### 3) Old/New Business

Claude brought Mt. Sinai/Beth Israel closer to deciding the developer of Block 17-18 (Gilman Hall) location.

Aaron requested in February Committee to discuss public space in Phipps complex.

Committee updated on 30<sup>th</sup> Street Community Advisory Board (CAB) which was held prior to Committee meeting. As of date of CAB, employable clients have increased to 300-320; Fulltime substance abuse case worker at shelter; Recreation coordinators (to ensure clients stay at shelter and not loiter in neighborhood)/job place coordinators increased; NYPD increased training helped in drug bust reported in news; Heidi provided press release detailing security improvements at shelter sites; Kips Bay Library continues to provide free computer training for clients at library location; NY Cares in conjunction with Bowery Mission supplied coats for winter; Employment Fairs at shelter site had a successful start; Barber donating time at 30<sup>th</sup> street site to cut hair and other grooming needs for clients to assist in job placement; and enhanced security screening on site.

7:53 pm meeting adjourned  
Minutes submitted by Rajesh Nayar