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**Housing Homeless and Human Rights Committee
December 17th, 2018, 7pm
CB6 Board Office - 211 E. 43rd Street, Suite 1404
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Carin van der Donk (Committee Chair), Rajesh C. Nayar (Committee Vice-Chair), Kyle Athayde, Claire Brennan, Andrew Gross, Aaron Humphrey, Rich Mintz, and Matt Roberts.

Excused: Claude Winfield

Absent: Joseph Parrish and Abigail Krusemark

Guests: Molly Hollister – CB6 Chair, Jeremy Unger – CM Carlina Rivera’s liaison for CB6, and Asher Baumrin – NYS Senator Brad Holyman’s liaison for CB6.

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting’s Minutes

Carin called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

Aaron made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kyle and passed.

Carin made a motion to adopt the minutes from the November meeting. The motion was seconded by Aaron and passed.

Committee Business

Agenda Item #1: Rich wrote resolution on New York City Council Bill 1171-2018 and New York State Senate Bills S8810/S8573 regarding the disclosure by developers of affordable housing units and in relation to including filing certain building permit applications containing false statements regarding tenant occupancy. Developers are not making clear statements and this bill would allow for prosecution of fraudulent filings. Currently city audits are difficult to enforce without such information from developers. Rich and Kyle will revise language to include into the resolution which would call for provision of funding for implementation of bills.

Resolution approved as amended. Carin made motion. Claire seconded. Resolution passed unanimously 8-0.

Agenda Item #2: Abby and Kyle will draft resolution for committee discussion next month to address loopholes in rent leases dealing with vacancy decontrol and major capital improvements. Discussion on universal rent control in all counties in NY.

Agenda Item #3: Discussion of placing in CB6 newsletter statistics on loss of rent controlled/rent stabilized units in buildings located in district. Committee to do deeper dive and weigh pros/cons of inclusion of such information. Alternatives may be to provide the information to elected officials in order to consider bills to address the decontrol issues. Carin and Aaron to take leads on this matter.

Old/New Business

Rich attended Land Use training from Borough President's office. Shared handouts and PowerPoint presentation for HHR Committee and Community Board to place on website as resource.

Claire volunteers at shelter at Friends School. Discussed placement of clients from Main Chance drop-in. 365 days each year program. Volunteers stay overnight. Funding for more programs and continuing program at Friends is necessary but grants after often funded later than programs begin. Committee to look into how to have funding from grants provided quicker for these such programs.

Andrew discussed hate crimes bill especially in light of increases in our district and throughout NY. Continued discussion at next committee meeting.

Chair's Report

Carin notified Committee about potential use of Gilman Hall in Former Mount-Sinai/Beth Israel campus for housing women and family who are homeless. Potential for 180 clients. Still in early stages. Service Provider has not been selected. CM Rivera's office working closely on the issue.

Adjournment

Carin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rajesh and passed. Carin declared the meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Minutes submitted by: Rajesh C. Nayar