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**197-a Working Group Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7 PM
CB6 Board Office – 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1404**

Present: Sandra McKee, Lou Sepersky, Sandro Sherrod, Letty Simon

Absent: Elaine Tai, Jim Collins, Carin van der Donk

Guests: Claude L. Winfield, CB6; Jesus Perez, CB6;

Meeting chaired by Sandra McKee. Minutes of the April 4th meeting were adopted.

I. Status of Memo of Understanding (MOU)

- Molly Hollister learned the MOU expired and the UN has the opportunity to take it up again at any time
- Jesus Perez reached out to Deputy Mayor Vicki Been's office. 2018 was the last time the office had any contact.
- The UNDC (United Nations Development Corp.) not presently aware of any formal discussions on the subject in the General Assembly Fifth Committee.

II. Focus on specific sites Brookdale, community facilities (senior centers)

We note that in order to succeed, from the start, neighborhood planning requires the involvement of stakeholders. Reps from City Planning Commission, City Councilmembers Rivera, Powers and Kallos, and Boro President Brewer to work with us, attend out meetings, And invite reps from community groups where items are specific to their interests.

- Solow site on east side of First Avenue: Molly to speak to Solow's attorney
- Mt. Sinai/Beth Israel campus:
 - Claude Winfield provided detailed information about the site and environs and will give details to Cody Osterman in Dist. Office.
 - 350 E. 18th St. sold to Sims
 - Lot # 31 - Gilman Hall, sold to Gural (GPF), anticipate condos
 - Lot # 26: - 343 E. 17th St. (garage lot) razed
 - Lot #s 35,36,37 presently zoned for 11-12 stories
 - Bernstein Bldg. will be vacated when new facility opens on 13th (behind NY Eye & Ear).
 - Main properties are designated community facility.
- Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village
 - Vulnerable, needs attention. Management intending to market PCV separately. Needs some form of protection e.g. designation for example landmark or historic district. Our 197-A plan already includes this. This will be part of updating the 197A plan.
 - Essential to involve community at this early stage. Sandro will speak to Susan Steinberg in her capacity of Pres., Tenant's Assoc.
 - Sandro and Letty will create a "Fast Facts" piece. Basic info & talking points
 - Ask CPC how we can preserve StuyTown/PCV
- Brookdale site
 - Brookdale/Hunter still using site. Jesus will follow up.
 - Get status update from Councilmember Powers
- Community facilities
 - Great need for senior centers. Fact is the senior population is growing and we've been losing centers of the years. From 4 we are down to 2: Stein Senior Center and the programs at St. Peter's Church. There is also a need for affordable housing for seniors and a sub-acute care facility.

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- What is status of NYC Public Health Lab building on First Ave at 26th St. Jesus to investigate this.

III. **Community Planning Fellow:** We were delighted to learn that a new staff member has a degree in Urban Planning. Jesus will task this person with assignments such as: creating maps identifying current zoning, zoning potential, etc.

IV. **Next meeting: June 6th at 7pm.**

Submitted by Letty Simon