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Housing and Land-Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Frank Franz, Housing and Land-Use Committee Chairperson

The Housing and Land-Use Committee met on February 14, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at the meeting: John Barczak, Cornell Brown, Frank Franz, Lanell Gardenhire, Laura James, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell and Carol Robinson.

The Housing and Land-Use Committee discussed the following information:

- **Update on the shelter siting advocacy and contract for the **** Webster Avenue shelter**

The Housing and Land-Use Committee was informed that the Theatre Arts Production Company School, located next to the new proposed shelter on Webster Avenue, has agreed to be the venue for hosting a public meeting regarding the new proposed shelter. Likely, this meeting will be held in early March. In addition, the committee was informed that the Community Board's staff reached out to the Office of the New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, inquiring about the legality of the New York City Department of Homeless Services' contract for the new proposed shelter. They were informed that a hearing regarding the contract occurred before any announcement that the contract would be issued was received by the Community Board. As a result, the Community Board and interested parties could not make their concerns known as they were only made aware of the public meeting regarding the proposed shelter months after the meeting occurred. The committee feels that escalating this to Comptroller Lander might create another opportunity to offer input regarding the new proposed shelter's contract.

- **Update on the Fordham Law Clinic at Bronx Community Board #6**

The Housing and Land-Use Committee was informed that the Community Board's staff has had meetings regarding the Fordham Law Clinic at the district office and the needs of the district. The committee discussed facilitating a meeting with local homeowner's associations alongside tenants in the district to ensure a wider breadth of legal needs regarding housing can be addressed.