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Housing and Land-Use Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Frank Franz, Housing and Land-Use Committee Chairperson

The Housing and Land-Use Committee met on May 16, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present: Cornell Brown, Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Michael Caraballo, Audrey Harden, Laura James, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Carol Robinson, Maria Ruiz, Jacquetta Whaley and Monique Williams.

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

- **Presentation from New York City Department of City Planning on the Carbon Neutrality Zoning Text Amendment**

The Housing and Land-Use Committee was informed that the New York City Department of City Planning in close consultation with the Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice (MOCEJ) is proposing a citywide zoning text amendment to implement changes to the City's Zoning Resolution to remove impediments to, and expand opportunities for, decarbonization projects within all zoning districts, and across all 59 of the City's Community Districts. The presentation highlighted the need to decarbonize the energy grid, building stock, vehicles, and waste streams. Zoning can facilitate these efforts by accommodating outdoor heat pumps, thicker insulation, EV charging, and high-performance trees and sidewalks. The focus is on decentralizing the grid and removing zoning obstacles that hinder sustainability initiatives. It is important to note that the proposed zoning text amendment is voluntary, and homeowners would not be obligated to adopt the suggested changes. The Housing and Land-Use Committee recommended that a letter of support to the New York City Department of City Planning in support of the City of Yes for Carbon Neutrality (COYCN) zoning text amendment.

- **Informational presentation by Bronx Parent Housing Network (BPHN) on their services**

The Housing and Land-Use Committee was informed about Bronx Parent Housing Network's commitment to ending homelessness and their extensive services. BPHN operates 18 homeless shelters and 17 emergency housing programs specifically for HIV/AIDS patients. With a 20-year history and a budget of \$142 million, they have established partnerships with the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and the Human Resources Administration (HRA) to provide solution-focused housing and supportive services. Their focus extends to addressing the needs of youth, breaking the cycle of generational homelessness, and addressing the challenges posed by the pandemic. The organization also runs food and nutrition programs for HIV/AIDS patients in our district on Crotona Avenue. These programs include an on-site client-choice food pantry that

offers weekly distributions of nutritious food. They also provide individual nutritional counseling sessions, group classes on nutritional education, regular comprehensive check-ins, and nutritional supplements. Additionally, BPHN offers domestic violence programs to support those affected. CB6' DM reminded BPHN that the board has requested the score cards for BPHN shelters in our District.

- **Update Bronx Community Board #6's Freedom of Information Law request to Department of Homeless Services**

Bronx Community Board #6 submitted a Freedom of Information Law request to the New York City Department of Homeless Services. The FOIL specifically requested Department of Homeless Services score cards for all shelters located within the district.