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**Housing and Land-Use Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Frank Franz, Committee Chairperson

The Housing and Land-Use Committee met on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 through Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at this meeting: Evonne Capers, Nelson Chimilio, Margarita Espinosa, Maria Garcia, Lanell Gardenhire, Julisa Hamilton, Laura James, Reggie Powell, Lillie Steed, and Jacquetta Whaley.

The following information was discussed:

- **SAGE's Crotona Senior Residence**

Ms. Melissa Sklarz, representing SAGE, informed us that SAGE is the country's largest and oldest organization dedicated to improving the lives of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) older adults. Their mission is to lead in addressing issues related to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) aging. SAGE offers innovative services and programs to LGBT older people throughout New York City from arts and culture, to health and wellness. She also provided a brief update and background information on their Stonewall House center in Brooklyn.

Ms. Latisha Millard-Bethea, Director of Residences and Housing Services of SAGE, informed us that their Crotona Senior Residence had a completion date of June 2020, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the development has a new completion date of October 2020. The development will have studio and one-bedroom apartments designated for individuals who are or who has a household member that is 62 years and older and is income-qualified for affordable housing in New York City at the time of application. This residence will have an on-site SAGE Center that will provide health and cultural programs, meal service, and a computer lab. The center will be open to the community members. The application period was available through NYC Housing Connect during October 2019 to January 2020. The application period is now closed. This development will also have a 40% set aside for homeless New Yorkers. These individuals will also be provided with social services.

- **El Rio II Residence**

Mr. Ronald Bonet informed us that Comunilife, Inc. is currently accepting applications for El Rio II Residence located at 2064 Boston Road. Their studio apartments are at \$909 per month. The income range to qualify is \$36,500 to \$47,760 for a single person household. To request an application, individuals can contact the El Rio II Residence Hotline at (646) 367-6567.

***The Housing and Land-Use committee meets every third Thursday of the month.***