

(PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL – DRAFT MINUTES)

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7PM

Held Virtual via Zoom

ATTENDANCE:

Committee Members: Stephen Vasquez (Chair), Lee Chong, Julie Reyes

Absent Members: Ingrid DeLeon, Ted Morris

GUESTS:

Marquis Jenkins, Co-founder, The Residents to Preserve Public Housing; David Gelman, CB 8 Member; Winnie Campbell, NYC Housing Preservation & Development; Arcelia F, community resident; Jillian Giles, Property Manager, Marble Hill Houses; Muslina, Marble Hill resident; Hernan, Marble Hill resident.

Mr. Vasquez called the meeting to order at 7:11PM. Since we had a guest speaker, the Agenda was amended to have Mr. Jenkins speak and time permitting to deal with rest of Agenda.

Mr. Jenkins introduce himself and spoke at length regarding his organization and their concerns with regards to NYCHA's Preservation Trust Program. The Preservation Trust is a 10 year program which will allow NYCHA to use the housing developments as collateral to take out loans for renovations of their properties. Current the plan is to renovate 25,000 units with HUD approval. On December 16th, 2022 NYCHA will issue a final recommendation of voting regulations. Currently only 10% of the residents of a development need to vote on which program to utilize. Mr. Jenkins wants to increase this number. Also, there is concerns to what needed repairs should be approved. Mr. Jenkins' group wants an independent third party to conduct the elections due to the lack of trust with NYCHA's staff.

In addition, under the Adams' administration \$1.5 million has been allocated for RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration) program, which is the original Preservation Trust. Mr. Jenkins believes the funds should go to Preservation Trust. Also, Mr. Jenkins would like the NYC Comptroller to have oversight of the program.

The organization is helping NYCHA residents to advocate for self-management. Bottom line according to Mr. Jenkins this Preservation Trust program needs major oversight as NYCHA's reputation ahs not been stellar.

Mr. Vasquez thanked Mr. Jenkins for his presentation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from April 25, 2002 were tabled. Mr. Vasquez will get a ruling on who can vote on these Minutes as the majority of the Committee members were not a part of this committee at this time. Minutes of October 24, 2002 are still being reviewed and these Minutes were not voted on for approval.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

1. Update of the Housing Resource Guide
2. Local Law 97

3. AMI issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM

Next meeting will be January 23, 2023 at 7PM. No meeting in December due to the Holidays.

Prepared by Lee Chong

Submitted by Stephen Vasquez