

Minutes – Pending Committee Approval

Housing Committee Meeting from 1/24/2022

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Member Roll Call: M. Della, T. Pardo, J. Reyes in attendance

Approval of minutes: No minutes to approve as December meeting was cancelled

Introduction of Guests: CB8 Chairlady L. Spalter, Marble Hill Management Ms. P. Frye, Asst Supt. Bernard Manning, Tennant Assoc. President: Tony Edwards, FDNY Safety Instructor: Michael Kozo

Chairman's Report – Chairman Morris made statement in mourning the loss of 2 NYPD officers Rivera and Moya. I expressed the need to support our police department and be proactive about the safety of those around us.

The floor was then opened of FDNY safety instructor Michael Kozo who was asked by the chair to address the gallery regarding two deadly fires that took place in the Bronx....

His biggest point was fire prevention. Unattended cooking on stoves is the greatest causes of fires in NYC. Tips were given how to extinguish these fires by using baking soda when possible and covering the fire with a lid for at least 5 minutes. Also, to prevent oneself from being caught on fire he asked us to be mindful of wearing loose clothing while cooking. Most electrical fires are caused by the overuse of extension cords and power strips. Anything that heats or cools should be directly plugged into a wall socket. A 3-foot perimeter should be kept around space heaters, and they should not be used while sleeping. Firefighter Kozo also stressed the necessity for an escape plan especially in a non fire proof building w fire escapes. We must also be mindful if leaving an apartment that is on fire to please CLOSE THE DOOR. A question was raised by Lee Chung that asked who was responsible for fire/CO2 monitors and self-closing doors. Firefighter Kozo let us know that even though the owner/ building management is directly responsible for the items, the ultimate responsibility for your safety is you the tenant. Its was noted and verified by Marble Hill management that building maintenance is responsible to safety check alarms, ground protectors and auto closing doors during inspections. Chairman Morris thanked Firefighter Kozo for his help and willingness to train and talk with us regarding fire safety. If there are any further questions, we can reach out to him via FDNYSMART.ORG

Chairman Morris raised an issue with heating within Marble Hill houses. Marble Hill is scheduled to receive 4 out of 6 new boilers (other 2 being decommissioned). Also, each building will have its own hot water system installed. Mr. Edwards suggested call 311 in order to get into the system. All open tickets called into the city by Ms. Frye. Committee member M. Della asked if there was a timeline for this project. Tony Edwards stated the work is slated to be completed by November of 2023.

D. Gellman reminded the committee that the NYC rent support moratorium has ended and that it is now time for capitol and budget expense requests to be submitted for fiscal year 2024. We were tasked by Mr. Gellman to submit our ideas as soon as possible and to be creative with our requests and prioritizations. Committee member Jyll Reyes asked for time to submit budget requests and that this item be placed on the agenda for our February meeting.

8:19pm the meeting was called to adjourn with a motion by M. Della, and seconded by J. Reyes

