

**Minutes of the Housing Committee Meeting October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**MEETING RECORDING STARTED AT 7:05 PM**  
**(PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL)**

**ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

THEODORE MORRIS (CHAIRMAN), MARGARET DELLA, (LATE) JULIE REYES, (LATE) JYLL TOWNES

**ABSENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

ROBERT KAPLAN, TRACY PARDO

**INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS:**

Tony Edwards Housing Tenants Association President, Marble Hill Houses

Paula Frye Marble Hill Development Management Office

**AGENDA:**

The meeting was called to order at **7:05PM**

**NO APPROVAL OF OUR LAST MONTHLY MEETING WAS DONE. WE WILL APPROVE MINUTES OF CURRENT MEETING AND PREVIOUS MEETING IN OUR DECEMBER HOUSING MEETING WITH THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBER GREETINGS:**

Members Margaret Della and Julie Reyes addressed the gallery, both affirming their commitment and participation to the Housing Committee.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT / DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED NYC INITIATIVES:**

T. Morris raised issues with homeless shelter located at 6661 Broadway (262<sup>nd</sup> st). We spoke about safety and security concerns as well as access to resources such as food, transportation and jobs. We are looking to elected officials to hear the concerns of the community and Community Board 8 making sure safety and security of the community and shelter residents is primary. Sen. Alexandra Biaggi, Rep. Jamaal Bowman, Councilman Eric Dinowitz, and Assemblyman Jeff Dinowitz are all aware of the community concerns as well as those of Community Board 8.

**GUEST REMARKS:**

The floor was opened to our guests, Paula Frye advised the committee that because of our budgetary requests, work will begin on new boilers by 2024. Also new trash receptacles will be located at buildings 10, 3 and 2. The rodent issues are currently being addressed by housing staff, and solar panels are getting installed at the west garden space between buildings 9 and 8. Lastly the building 9 gas issues have been totally addressed, and all tenants are fully back online.

Tony Edwards stated he was part of a brief meeting regarding the heating and hot water systems. He stated system separation (one for heat, and one for hot water) for buildings 7 and 9 will start getting serviced. On November 12<sup>th</sup> he will cohost a ceremony for the Junior Knicks in celebration of an in-house tournament that was played between Marble Hill youth and Mosholu community center participants. He is also planning a face-to-face tenants association meeting with residents outlining any outstanding issues as well as his re-election bid coming up in December.

Ms. Lee Chong tenants Pac for affordable housing board member, and NYCHA /section 8 housing hpd member raised a question if there was a fatal hit and run in the area of proposed new homeless shelter and if person was homeless. I advised I will follow up with the Public Safety Committee and or with 50<sup>th</sup> Pct Capt. Melendez. I thanked her for her input and asked her to continue to visit our meetings to offer her expertise.

**OLD BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Morris requested if Marble Hill can be a booster shot location and vaccination location for our youth. T Edwards will be speaking with Gale Brewer and elected officials to get this done. Chair also asked all Housing Committee members if they have any ideas for an agenda / meeting to please make them known as well as any speakers they may have in mind for the upcoming year.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Committee member Jyll Townes had final remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at **7:58pm**