

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023, AT 7:00 PM VIA ZOOM

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ATTENDEES

Committee Members Present: L. Chong (Chair), J. Reyes

Committee Members Absent: I. DeLeon

CB8 Members/Staff: L. Szabados, C. Tepelus, D. Gellman, D. Padernacht

Guest: A. DeLuca, J. Reilly, K. Johns, A. Nehring,

AGENDA/ROLL CALL

Committee Chairperson Chong called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

Roll call was conducted – noting quorum. Introductions of all were had.

DISCUSSIONS

FY24 and 25 Expense Budgets for NYCHA, HPD, DOB

CAPITAL REQUEST

1. Boiler repairs and replacement for the Marble Hill Houses and Fort Independence Houses. (NYCHA)
2. Repair of all walkways and sidewalks to mitigate tripping hazards in and around the Marble Hill Houses - noting the senior population. (NYCHA/DOT)
3. Revenue for comprehensive roof repairs at Marble Hill Houses. (NYCHA)
4. Security gate at building #11 at the Marble Hill Houses. Councilmember Y. Rodriguez previously funded this project item, project #9910 for \$100,000. (NYCHA)

EXPENSE REQUEST

1. Revenue for the consistent monitoring of all building and roof landing cameras at the Marble Hill Houses. (NYCHA)
2. Funds for sanitation workforce of trash removal throughout CB8, especially in Environmental Justice designated areas of Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Marble Hill, and Broadway commercial corridor. (NYCHA)
3. Rehabilitation and re-opening of building #9 laundry room at the Marble Hill Houses. (NYCHA)
4. Increase Inspectors

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion had on Local Law 11 (requires inspections of building exterior walls and appurtenances of buildings which are greater than six stories in height), Local Law 97 (requires large -over 25,000 square feet- existing buildings in New York City (NYC) reduce their emissions by 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050. It targets existing buildings and requires owners to invest in renovation and retrofitting to make their buildings more energy efficient, and the NYC Accelerator Program (reduce greenhouse gas emissions).

K. Johns discussed having contacted city agency five years ago regarding issues requiring attention at his resident complex/ Amalgamated. In July 2023 eight hundred apartments are targeted to have their gas shut off for repairs.

The audience was encouraged to contact their local Council Members

Discussion had on high volume of train cars with storage of garbage within the district, particularly on the east side parking lot Metro North.

Discussion had on the high volume of rent regulations, lack of legal assistance for renters, and the need for increasing legal aid funding.

Discussion had on Local Law 152; gas piping systems in all buildings, except for one- and two-family homes, and other buildings classified in Occupancy Group R-3, must be inspected by a Licensed Master Plumber (LMP), or a qualified individual working for an LMP. Gas piping systems must be inspected at least once every four years.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 P.M.

Minutes Recorded by,
Julie Reyes, Housing Committee Member

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Chong
Chairperson, Housing Committee