

Minutes
Housing Committee
(Pending Committee Approval)

Date: March 22nd, 2021 Meeting called to order: 7:08pm via ZOOM

Committee members present: T. Morris, R. Kaplan, M. Della, T. Pardo, J. Reyes, J. Townes

Committee Members Absent: NONE

Community Board guests: D. Gellman

Community guests present: Tony Edwards

The Housing Committee meeting called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman T. Morris, and a committee roll call was taken. Guest introductions were made, and agenda items were discussed as follows:

1. Approval of January 2021 minutes: (Motion to approve was unanimous).
2. Guest address - Mr. Tony Edwards Marble Hill Tenants Association President provided the board an update from the Blueprint for Change town hall meeting that was held Thursday March the 18th with NYCHA representatives and Mr. Gregory Ross drafter of the Blueprint for Change. He outlined how NYCHA is looking for ways to rehab apartments in conjunction with the needs of the tenants. The major concerns were:
 - a. Tenants having to move completely out of their apartments and the condition of their return.
 - b. Family composition standards that might prevent families from returning to multi bedroom apartments.

Committee member J. Reyes questioned if there was a timeframe for the beginning of repairs, and if there was a plan for moving assistance. Mr. Edwards stated the timeline for the construction is approximately two years. Moving assistance will be offered up to thirty days prior to moving. It is the Tenants Associations position that the Blueprint for Change is not resident friendly and should not be implemented during a worldwide pandemic. It was requested by Housing Committee members that a link to the Blueprint for Change be included in the official meeting minutes for their further inspection:
[Blueprint for Change \(nyc.gov\)](https://www.nyc.gov/blueprintforchange)

3. The next order of business was to cover prioritization of our capital and expense budgetary requests. It was suggested by David Gellman that our requests be broken up into two lists and the corresponding agencies identified. Our capital requests were prioritized as follows: 1. Boiler repairs and replacement for Marble Hill and Fort Independence developments (NYCHA). 2. Repair of all walkways and sidewalks to mitigate tripping hazards in and around these developments noting the senior population

(NYCHA / DOT). 3. Revenue for comprehensive roof repairs (NYCHA). Committee expense requests were prioritized as follows: 1. Revenue for the consistent monitoring of all building and roof landing cameras. 2. Funds for sanitation manpower (NYCHA). 3. Rehabilitation and re-opening of Marble Hill building 9 laundry room. (NYCHA)

4. Chairman's Report- Housing Community members notified by Chairman Morris that an email outlining the Borough Board's Housing Resolution will be sent out for discussion in our April Housing Committee meeting.
5. Old Business- None
6. New Business- Chairman Morris reminded committee of upcoming City Council vote on Tuesday March 23rd. The floor was opened to Housing Committee member and SCRE Committee Chairperson Jyll Townes. Ms. Townes expressed her concern with the impending end of the NYC eviction moratorium and how the Kingsbridge area will be impacted. She also outlined the SCRE purpose which is to recognize and deal with racial equality issues that may arise within our community scope.
7. Adjournment- Motion to adjourn by R. Kaplan, a second of that motion was given by J. Townes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37p.