



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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## MEETING MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

DATE	November 27, 2023	START TIME	7:00 PM	END TIME	8:20 PM
MEETING HELD AT	BXCB8 OFFICE – Conference Room				
ADDRESS	5676 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471				

### ATTENDANCE

Present	Lee Chong, Ingrid DeLeon, Rosemary Ginty, Jessica Sosa	Total	4
Absent	Ted Morris, Aboubacar Barry	Total	2
Extraordinary Circumstances		Total	
Guest	Pablo Romano (BXCB8 Staff)	Total	1

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

A quorum was not present at the meeting start. Approval of the minutes of the April 2023 Committee Meeting were set aside.

### **Chair’s Report**

The Chair reported that the Department of Buildings could not have staff present at our committee meeting as a matter of budgetary issues. The committee had requested an agency representative give a presentation of LL 97, which deal carbon emission and was finalized 10/24. A committee member suggested requesting Council member Dinowitz to attend a future meeting to discuss the new local law.

The Chair informed the committee of an upcoming Zoom meeting concerning the City of Yes zoning text. It is a locally organized presentation and discussion and will be held Thursday 11/30 evening. The Chair encouraged members to attend.

Last the Chair shared an article reporting that the U.S. Supreme Court recently denied to hear a case to declare NYC’s Rent Stabilization Law unconstitutional.

## **City of Yes – Economic Development (Section on NYCHA Developments)**

A portion of the zoning proposal would allow 15,000 sf of commercial development in the ground floor areas of NYCHA developments. Members of the Marble Hill Houses and Fort Independence Houses were present. From conversations with some representatives, community members and committee members the strong, general consensus was in opposition to the proposal. It is a significant change to the residential character of these developments with increased traffic for deliveries, trash removal and signage. There will be a future joint meeting of the Land Use and Economic Development Committees in early December for further testimony and resolutions.

## **Intro 1031 – A –Establishing Housing Targets for Community Boards**

The NYC Council recently adopted a law setting housing targets by community board as required in 5-year production target plans. The five housing type areas for targeting are: total housing units; affordable housing units; deeply affordable housing units; housing serving formerly homeless households; and, the preservation of housing units.

## **New Business**

A resident of the Jericho Project, a development for veterans, reported an extensive list of problems concerning the delivery of services within the building. The committee suggests that the District Manager share with him contact information for the mayoral Veteran's Services Agency whose main focus is veteran's issues. Other issues such as mold will be followed up by the board office.

## **Old Business**

The committee continues to several guest speakers on key housing issues. Council member Sanchez will be asked to join us in the future. The Department of City Planning staff dealing with census data will be asked to our 12/20 meeting. The committee is interested in DCP providing statistics on housing and income from the US Census data for our community board.

## **Housing Guide Updates**

The committee agreed on a division of labor to update the Guide and on a January due date for a draft.

*Once a quorum was reached, the committee unanimously adopted the minutes of the October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting (4-0) In favor: L. Chong, I. DeLeon; R. Ginty; J. Sosa*

## **Adjournment**

The next committee meeting will **be Monday December 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned **at 8:20 pm.**

Minutes drafted and reviewed by Rosemary Ginty, Chair