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MEETING MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE (Pending Committee Approval) [YouTube Recording](#)

DATE	March 25, 2024	START TIME	7:00 PM	END TIME	8:15 PM
MEETING HELD AT	BXC8 OFFICE – Conference Room				
ADDRESS	5676 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471				

ATTENDANCE

Present	Ingrid DeLeon, Rosemary Ginty, Jessica Sosa	Total	3
Absent	Ted Morris, Lee Chong	Total	2
Extraordinary Circumstances		Total	
Guests	Chair Julie Reyes, CB Member Laura Spalter and Community Committee Member Karen Argenti, Belinda Hancock, Tony Edwards, David Gellman, and CB Staff Ardy Malziu	Total	7

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

A quorum being present, the minutes of the February 2024 meeting were approved 3-0 by those members present: Ingrid DeLeon, Jessica Sosa, Rosemary Ginty.

Chair’s Report

The Chair reported that Councilmember Pierina Sanchez could not attend the meeting because of City Council budget responsibilities.

The Chair also reported that the NYS is considering creating a new public benefit corporation to finance housing construction on state land like the old Mitchell-Lama program.

NYS is creating a Local Regulated Housing Restoration Adjustment (LRHRA) to assist in funding the rehabilitation of vacant rent-stabilized housing units, which could then be rented with housing vouchers.

The Committee was reminded there would be no April meeting due to religious holidays. The May meeting falls on Memorial Day holiday. The Committee chose Wednesday May 29 as a replacement date.

[Presentation Topic: Getting Ready for the Environmental Impact Statement on Future Housing Proposals](#)

An extensive and informative presentation of the upcoming environmental impact statement from the Department of City Planning, the process for its development and possible questions to ask during the public review. The presentation was made by Karen Argenti, a Community Committee Member, and Laura Spalter, a Community Board Member. A question-and-answer session for the committee followed. We recommend that it be viewed on the YouTube recording of this committee meeting.

Old Business

Updating the Housing Guide will begin while waiting for the final section.

Budget priority decisions needed to be made at this meeting. Mr. Tony Edwards spoke with the Committee about the funding priorities for Marble Hill Houses. As a result of this presentation and discussion with the Committee, the following are the Committee's priorities for FY 2026:

Capital Budget

1. Funding for facade work and roof repair for Marble Hill Houses.
2. Rehabilitation of the Community Center for Marble Hill Houses.

Expense Budget

1. Increase Department of Buildings Code Enforcement inspectors given safety of basement units and structural defects especially in older buildings.
2. Increase Housing Preservation & Development housing inspectors given the number of 311 calls and increasing occupancy in single family homes and apartments.

Adjournment

The next committee meeting will **be Wednesday May 29th at 7:00 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned **at 8:15 pm.**

Minutes drafted and reviewed by Rosemary Ginty, Chair