

MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE

TO: BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8
FROM: DARIS B. JACKSON, CHAIR, HOUSING COMMITTEE
DATE: 4/26/2019
RE: MEETING HELD ON 4/22/2019, BOARD OFFICE 5676 RIVERDALE AVE.

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daris B. Jackson, Chair, Tracy Pardo, Paul Ellis, Donnell Leverett

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

S. Paige, J. Reyes, G. Santiago,

GUESTS PRESENT:

Margaret Groarke, NW Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition

Daris B. Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM

1. Introduction by Ms. Groarke

- Ms. Groarke on behalf of the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) presented on the right to counsel program for landlord/tenant disputes in Housing Court, and provided resource information for tenant organizing groups in the North and South Bronx
- The right to counsel law is being phased in over 5 years (2017 – 2022) by zip code.

2. Minutes of the March 2019 approved unanimously.

3. Budget Priorities

- Discussion was had on the priority of previously discussed budget priority items.
- Discussion was had on previous budget items that have been completed.
- Vote was taken, and committee budget priorities passed unanimously (attached).

4. S. Paige not present for meeting – D. Jackson gave update on planned May Committee event – A sub-committee meeting will be scheduled, TBA prior to the event.

5. Discussion had over proposed federal action to remove undocumented residents from Public Housing that have children with status.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

2019 Housing Committee Budget Priorities

**NYCHA Issues prioritized as: Elevator, Exterior fencing, Boiler, Staffing (administrative & grounds), Site improvement/Playground, Radiator, and Entry doors.

(2019 additions:) Rodent Control, Restroom Accommodations for elderly and disabled tenants [Grab-bar installation].

1. FORT INDEPENDENCE - HEATH AVENUE 1 Residential building with 344 units
5-Year major needs are approximately \$40.37M, breakdown as follows:
 - **EXTERIOR /STRUCTURAL**
 - 3 boilers installed in 1996 and are in fair condition; Replacement at \$6.3M
 - Roof is in fair condition, Replacement at \$4.07M
 - Interior stairs at \$2.31M
 - Entry doors at \$1.26M Interior stairs at \$2.31M
 - Site fence replacement at \$2.26M
 - Windows replacement at \$3.98M
 - Exterior rodent control
 - **INTERIOR/UNIT BASED**
 - Apartment kitchen renovations at \$8.37M
 - Apartment interior renovations (floor, and doors) at \$9.96M
 - Apartment interior bathroom renovations (Grab Bar installation) for elderly and disabled residents
 - Apartment radiator/ convector/ baseboard at \$1.86M

Recently completed and/or planned work:

- ❖ Playground rehabilitation in the amount of \$300,000 completed in 2018
 - Accessible ramps in the amount of \$500,000 is included in 5-Year Capital Plan
 - o Elevator replacement in the amount of \$2M is included in 5-Year Capital Plan
 - o Exterior compactors in the amount of \$200,000 is included in 5-Year Capital Plan
- ❖ Lighting installation in the amount of \$500,000 is planned