

**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2006
AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Jerald Kreppel
Philip Friedman
Noah Franklin

AFFILIATION

CB#8, Committee Chair
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Bronx Borough President-Guest Speaker

The meeting began at 7:30 PM.

Mr. Franklin discussed and reviewed legislation proposed by the Bronx Borough President's office that would:

1. Change the deadline for landlords to file self inspection reports of their boiler systems from December 31 to September 1 of each year.
2. Require landlords to post a notice in a public location in their building regarding the results of the boiler inspection.
3. Increase civil penalties from \$25-\$50 per day to \$250-\$500 per day for landlords who fail to comply with boiler inspection laws.
4. Hold the NY City Housing Authority to the same boiler inspection and posting standards that private landlords are held to.

Mr. Franklin also noted that the Bronx had more heat complaints than any other Borough, and that approximately 35,000 building owners in New York City had not filed inspection reports of their boiler systems, as required by law.

It was agreed by the committee that the proposed legislation is necessary, and that the Chair of the Housing committee would request that the Community Board pass a resolution in support of the proposed legislation.

Mr. Franklin also handed out several copies of a report issued by the Office of the Bronx Borough President entitled "Still No Heat for the Bronx" which discusses the above mentioned proposed legislation and why it is needed.

Lastly, the Chair gave an update on NY City refusal to accept complaints regarding broken or defective sidewalks on the City's 311 line.

As of this date March 1, 2006, we have not received a response to CB's letter of February 16, 2006 to Mayor Bloomberg regarding the City's refusal to accept complaints regarding broken or defective sidewalks.

Also, Councilman Koppell has not received a response to his letter of January 27, 2006 to the Mayor regarding this matter.

The next Housing Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 27, 2006 at 7:30 PM at the Board office.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerald Kreppel
Chairman

