BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 28, 2013 AT THE BOARD OFFICE

Board Members Present: Affiliation:

Steven Balicer CB8 Committee Chair
Tricia Mullen CB8 Committee Vice Chair

Georgia Santiago. CB8
Dana Lennon CB8

Guests:

Thomas Durham Yongara Hernandez

Mark Brescia Mayor's Office of Clean Heat

Kimberly Hyatt Riverdale Review

Rebecca Lenetsky

David Gellerman Association of Riverdale Cooperatives

Georgia Feliciano

Kate Shackford President BOECD

Gerson Hernandez.

Mark Brescia.

Outreach Coordinator, Bronx

NYC Clean Heat (Mayor's Office)

Kate Shackford, Executive Vice President, and Gerson Hernandez, Outreach Coordinator, of BOEDC discussed their new program, Bronx Energy Efficiency, to help cut energy waste and costs for homeowners, renters, small businesses, not-for-profits, multifamily building owners and developers. They contract energy efficient experts who conduct assessments to determine ways to use energy more efficiently. Grants are also available to fund improvements.

Mark Brescia, NYC Clean Heat, discussed the environmental law to eliminate of Number 6 and 4 heating oil to No. 2 or natural gas by 2015. He acknowledged that Riverdale section of Community Board 8, led by a number of local real estate management firms has or are in the process of converting to natural gas.

The Committee is committed encourage co-ops and rental buildings perform heat evaluations. These projects are needed, especially on the east side of Broadway. These buildings require technical assistance to determine the costs and feasibility of such a conversion.

Minutes prepared by: Patricia Mullen Vice Chair Housing Committee

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