

**PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL**  
**MINUTES OF THE HOUSING COMMITTEE**

**TO:** BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8  
**FROM:** PAUL S. ELLIS, MEMBER, HOUSING COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** FEBRUARY 11, 2020  
**RE:** MEETING HELD ON 1/27/2020, MARBLE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER

**HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Paul S. Ellis, Tracy Pardo, Julie Reyes, Georges Santiago

**HOUSING COMMITTEE MEMBER NOT PRESENT:**

D. Jackson, L. Lopez, J. Townes

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

E. Olhenhense, J. Priveterre, F. Ray, K. Roehrs, E. Thompson, E. Watkins

Mr. Ellis called the meeting to order at the 7:12 PM.

Mr. Ellis introduced the committee members and welcomed guests to the meeting.

Mr. Ellis explained that in the absence of the committee chair, Mr. Jackson, and at the request of Mr. Jackson, he would be chairing the meeting. He explained that due to the last-minute switch, there were certain agenda items that would need to be tabled for a future meeting. In light of the absence of a quorum at the beginning of the meeting, he explained that he would be taking certain agenda items out of order.

Mr. Ellis gave a report regarding the status of the translation of the Housing Resource Guide into Spanish.

Mr. Ellis explained for the benefit of the guests about the planned spring 2020 Housing Committee event. He then explained to the committee members the need to restructure the planning committee for that event, and he requested that the members present contact Mr. Jackson if any of them had an interest in serving on the committee.

Discussion of the possible partnership with the Aging Committee on an event with Department of Financing on Housing Credits for Senior Citizen residents was tabled.

Mr. Ellis gave an update regarding TC Systems Fiber Optic Conduit repair.

Mr. Ellis gave some background regarding the shooting incident that occurred at Fort Independence and explained that he understood it was the intention of Mr. Jackson to hold an upcoming committee meeting at Fort Independence, at which point there would be an opportunity for further discussion regarding this matter.

Mr. Ellis noted that there was still a need to select a Vice Chair of the Housing Committee and he requested that any interested committee members contact Mr. Jackson.

Under Old Business, Ms. Santiago drew the attention of the committee to a mailer from the office of Assemblyman Dinowitz regarding funds that had been allocated for lighting improvements, following which there was discussion on that topic.

Under New Business, several committee members and guests raised concerns with respect to the stoves that had been installed at Marble Hill Houses, following which there was discussion on that topic.

Committee members and guests raised concerns with respect to scaffolding that is currently in place as far as visibility, lighting, safety and the quality of the repair work that is being done.

It was the view of the committee that it would be appropriate to hold a meeting at which representatives of NYCHA as well as tenants were present in order to address some of the issues that have been raised with respect to lighting, stove installation and scaffolding.

Mr. Ellis then raised the subject of budget priorities and read for committee members and guests the priorities that have been selected for the previous fiscal year. After some discussion, the committee concluded that there is particular concern with respect to security cameras and lighting. There were also concerns raised and further discussion regarding whether funds that had been allocated had in fact been used for the intended purposes. It was a view of the committee that it would be worthwhile to pursue this issue with representatives of NYCHA.

There being a quorum, the minutes of the October, 2019 and November, 2019 meetings were approved.

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.