



Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera

NYCHA & Housing Committee Meeting Summary

February 3, 2023

Board Members Present: LaShonda Belton, Loretta Masterson, Miriam Sanchez, Anne Johnson, Antoinette Vereen

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The NYCHA & Housing Committee represents the community's interests with regards to housing related matters and concerns, namely in relation to NYCHA, and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York City Housing Authority as well as local property owners and management teams.

II. Speakers

A. John Sanchez, Five Borough Housing Movement

The 5 Borough Housing Movement seeks to allow for more housing to be built through office conversions, lifting the state FAR cap, and for NY state to provide a tax incentive for affordable housing as part of office conversions.

Deck with more information regarding this organization was displayed.

The 5 Borough Housing Movement requested a letter of support,

The committee voted and approved a letter of support to the 5 Borough Housing Movement and its advocacy efforts.

III. New Business

A. NYCHA Media Program for Kids

<https://youtu.be/XHDgBlc9wiA>

Through the Youth Media Project, 72 NYCHA residents between the ages of 14 and 24 had the opportunity to share the work they produced as participants in NYCHA's first-ever Youth Media Project.

B. NYCHA Rodent Concerns

Upcoming Virtual and In-Person Rat Academy Trainings for Feb and March can be found here: [Rats: Control Training Classes - NYC Health](#)

C. Bronx River Senior Houses

Update as per NYCHA, "During the 2021-22 heating season Bronx River Addition Building 12 (1630 E. 174th Street) suffered from frequent heat disruptions, widespread leaks, and water damage. These disruptions were rooted in decades of disinvestment and a dire need for capital funding— with the hydronic distribution piping system having experienced successive failures that could no longer be addressed through repairs alone.

As a result of these conditions, NYCHA had to relocate the residents of the building to comparable units in other buildings. To support the residents of the exclusively senior building in this process, NYCHA set up a dedicated office in the building throughout the relocation process to offer them support for the relocation. NYCHA also covered moving costs.

All in all, 61 senior households were relocated, with the first relocation taking place on 8/29/22 and the last relocation taking place on 12/23/22. Eighty four percent of residents accepted their first or second apartment offers.

The households relocated to the following types of buildings/developments:

- Four households (7%) relocated to other buildings in Bronx River.
- Fifty four households in total (89%) opted for developments in the Bronx (including Bronx River).
- Twenty one (34%) relocated to senior buildings, while the remaining 40 (66%) relocated to general population buildings.
- Six households asked for and were approved for Section 8 Vouchers.”

D. March Agenda Items

- Request for additional cameras in Soundview Houses (buildings between Randall & Lacombe Ave)
- Additional funding for Monroe Centers needed, seniors are going back to their center in April, potentially youth can use that area temporarily until the groundbreaking of the Monroe youth center in 2027
- Scaffolding at Monroe Houses cannot be removed because funding was terminated, as per BM Miriam Sanchez Dr. Jones will be looking into this.
- What is the reason for the caution tape around the bus stop in front of 5 below on White Plains Road?

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