

**COMMUNITY BOARD 17
HOUSING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 8TH, 2022**

Attendance

Shermira
Adele Bennett
Celia Belyn

Ozni Lewis
Eduardo Cameron
Carol

Meeting of the Housing Committee was called to order by the Chairperson, Ms. Pearlene Fields. Ms. Fields thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked those present to introduce themselves.

Approval of Minutes- October and November

Ms. Fields asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the October and November meeting. Ms. Shermira made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Ozni Lewis second.

Planning for the Town Hall

Ms. Field stated she continues to search for a location for the Town Hall and asked those present to assist.

There were suggestions to utilize a school auditorium, or the Major Owens recreational facility on Bedford near Eastern parkway. It was also noted to rent the recreational center, will cost the committee or the Committee can ask for the space to be donated. The Catholic church was also mentioned.

Ms. Ann Hudson said she will look into the information for Erasmus Campus and get back to Ms. Fields.

Ms. Fields asked if there were any housing issues that needs to be discussed.

Old Business

Mr. Jay Sordid once again brought to the attention of the Housing Committee the proposed development on Clarkson Avenue and the 328 new supportive housing units slated for the location.

Ms. Fraser said, Mr. Sordid has raised concerns for the project at every meeting, therefore, she reached out to Kingsbrook and requested a presentation at the January Housing meeting and await a response.

Ms. Fraser also stated a meeting was held with the District Manager and Chair of the Land Use Committee of CB9 and the Chairperson and Land Use Chair of CB17 along with Ms. Julia James. She said the Land Use Chair will update the members at the next scheduled meeting.

Ms. Fraser informed Mr. Sordid the project is in CB9 and CB17 cannot override a decision made by a Board whose district the proposed project is in. She said CB17 will support CB9's decision. The joint meeting was held and as previously stated, an update will be given by the Chair of the Land Use Committee.

Mr. James Lewis reminded Mr. Sordid that protocol has to be followed, not because information was shared it should be automatically addressed without following the steps needed to resolve issues. He said there was a meeting held with CB9 and the District Manager asked for a presenter at the meeting to give residents a better understanding of the project and the committee needs to hold their questions until that meeting is held.

There were questions regarding information being distributed regarding the project.

Ms. Fraser said Mr. Sordid could share whatever information he has with the residents; however, she will not share any information until the presenter present the projects to the community.

New Business

Ms. Fraser announced DDC will be presenting on the Shirley Chisholm Recreational Center. She invited the residents present to attend the General Board meeting. She said the link and agenda will be emailed to those on the email listserv and anyone interested should post their email in the chat.

There was discussion regarding a slack account for the Housing Committee. Ms. Fields said she need to have a meeting to discuss funding and what's needed to move the process along.

A question was asked about the minutes being posted on the Website

Ms. Fraser said the minutes should be posted on the website. However, the Chair of Communications continues to upgrade the site. In the interim, anyone interested in receiving a copy of the meeting minutes can call the Board's office.

Adjournment

Ms. Fields asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Ozni Lewis made the motion and Ms. Mary Bell-Downes second.