

**COMMUNITY BOARD 17**  
**VIRTUAL HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

D. Gay  
Shermira Busby  
Celia Belyn  
Pearlene fields

Unella Rhone-Perry  
Herminia Brown  
Ozni Lewis  
Orlando

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

**Chairperson's Report**

Ms. Fields informed the members of the following:

She would like to put together a plan of topics the members would like to address this year.

Members were asked to voice their opinions and concerns and topics they would like to see addressed in future meetings.

**Ms. Celia Belyn**

- Apartment buildings going up in the community
- How many residents in the community falls within the medium to low income and have an opportunity to rent the apartments.
- Can the Community Board start a dialogue with developers once the Board is notified of demolitions

**Orlando**

- Start a conversation with the Developers regarding Housing Connect. The criteria on Housing Connect is too extreme.  
Studio apartment are approximately \$1500 per month and the income has to be between 70-100K, versus another developer may have other requirements for a one bedroom apartment may be \$706 and income bracket \$30- 40K annually.
- there needs to be policy or structure in place for contractors to be held accountable, and to inform residents how many affordable apartments are rented to low income residents.

**Shermira Busby**

Ms. Busby said the Housing connect portal goes a little deeper where income and other personal information are checked.

Ms. Busby also stated, residents in a position to complete the census, must do so even when a vast majority in the community might be low income or in a certain socio economic, category. Unfortunately, most individuals own their home and most individuals did not complete the census. It's noted the census is off by 19M people.

**Ms. Unella Rhone-Perry** greeted everyone. She sits on CB9 Housing Committee. She said it seems the community is under expansion and fast track housing, buildings are going up everywhere, example, across from E48th, the parking lot for the hospital, a 5 story with underground garage is being proposed. As the former mayor had sanctioned anyone including a supermarket at the bottom of a development they can go up a certain feet.

The development is part of the vital Brooklyn former Assemblywoman Diana Richardson who worked with the former Governor to get affordable housing in the 43<sup>rd</sup>. There's a new assembly member and the community is working to get him on board. There is a work in progress to limit the height of buildings and the environmental issues that comes with it. .

Ms. Rhone-Perry said if the Housing Committee of CB17 would like to partner with CB9 to address the housing issues, she will take the information back to the CB9 Chair.

She also shared information regarding documents anyone will need when applying for the Housing lottery low income apartments.

Ms. Fields said she likes the idea of partnering with other community boards and entertained a brief discussion regarding collaborating with Board 9 and 14 for a Housing fair. The discussion also entails inviting the elected officials and someone who can address environmental density and impact study on the district. There was a request to have someone attend the meeting and give an update on the Kingsbrook project.

The members also discussed the importance of voting strategies to keep those representing the community in office. Residents need to be pro-active and not re-active and hold elected officials accountable.

Ms. Fields said she will schedule a zoom meeting with a few of the members and the Chair of communications together with a few members

### **Adjournment**

With no further questions or issues to discuss, Ms. Fields asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Shermira Busby made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Celia Belyn second the motion.

