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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

Environment and Sanitation Committee

and

Housing Committee

Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
331 East 70th Street (First-Second)
Auditorium
Tuesday, March 29, 2016
6:30PM

Minutes

1. A representative from the New York City Mayor's Office of Sustainability, spoke regarding the **NYC Retrofit Accelerator Program**. This program is a resource for building owners looking to implement energy and water efficiency upgrades, and will also be continuing to provide the services from Clean Heat.
2. Representatives from New York City Housing Authority [NYCHA] and Housing Preservation and Development [HPD] spoke and presented on NYCHA's NextGen Neighborhoods – Holmes Towers. Holmes Towers was selected for the NextGen Neighborhood initiative due to its high renovation needs and available lot and residential floor area on its site.

Whereas, Community Board 8 is concerned about the loss of open space due to the development of the NextGen Neighborhood at Holmes Towers; and
Whereas, Community Board 8 is concerned that no amount of funds has yet been committed exclusively and wishes to ensure that all of Holmes Towers debt of approximately 33 million be paid prior to developer breaking ground on Holmes Towers from the NextGen Initiative; and,

Whereas, Community Board 8 wishes to ensure that there is public space made available to the entire community in whatever development is built under the NextGen Initiative;

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Housing Authority and Housing Preservation and Development ensure that any development at Holmes Towers related to the NextGen Initiative ensure the following 1) that funds received from the NextGen Initiative be committed to ensure that all required repairs and improvement at Holmes Towers (currently estimated at \$33M) are completed before any of the funds are allocated to any other NYCHA location, 2) that any development under the NextGen Initiative at Holmes Towers ensure the creation of and accessibility of open public space for the community, and 3) that open space owned by NYCHA throughout the city is opened and made available to compensate for or exceed the open space being lost due to the NextGen Initiative at Holmes Towers

ADOPTED By vote 4-0-0

YES: Ed Hartzog, Cos Spagnoletti, Lorraine Brown, Abraham Salcedo

**Abraham Salcedo and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs Environment and Sanitation Committee
Ed Hartzog, Housing Committee**