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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

## Housing Committee Lenox Hill Hospital 130 East 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Theatre Room October 18, 2016, 6:30 PM

## **Minutes**

CB8 Members Present:

• L. Brown, B. Chocky, P. DiSesa, E. Hartzog, E. Polivy, R. Popper, C. Spagnoletti, and M. Tamayo Public:

• E. Murray, V. Ranjan, N. Semeniuk, and P. Wood

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Loraine Brown and Ed Hartzog

- 1. Basha Gerhards, Deputy Director of Land Use, of the Borough President's Office provided an update on the Inclusionary and Mandatory Inclusionary Housing Programs.
- 2. The goals were to raise awareness between Inclusionary and Mandatory Housing Programs and to clarify the previous presentation by Housing Preservation Department.
- 3. Discussed the Mayor's Housing Plan New Housing Development with emphasis on text amendment to allow more development of housing citywide [ZOA], new Mandatory Inclusionary Housing program [MIH], Neighborhood Planning Studies-Rezonings/MIH and separate plan for NYCHA.
- 4. Three goals for zoning for quality and affordability were to promote senior housing, reduce parking requirements for affordable housing and modify contextual building envelope.
- 5. Discussed BP Brewer recommendation [no with conditions]
  - No height adjustments in contextual districts, special districts, or areas subject to recent rezonings
  - Reduce height increases on narrow streets
  - Silver Law applicability remain for all development
  - Rear yard encroachment rules to remain as is
  - Commitment to address construction and preservation concerns
  - Permanent height only for permanent affordable senior housing
  - Commitment to study and fix voluntary programs

- 6. Discussed what was passed by City Council
  - Height increases on narrow streets were reduced
  - Silver Law applicability remained 'as is' for all development
  - Rear yard encroachment rules to remain as is except for AIRS and LTCF in C Districts on wide streets
  - Reductions to parking go to CPC for mixed-income developments and to BSA for governmenthousing
  - No changes to minimum distance between buildings rule
- 7. Affordable Housing Fund is administered by HPD
  - All contributions shall be used for development, acquisition, rehabilitation or preservation of affordable housing
  - Each contribution into the fund must be used within the borough in which the MIH development is located
  - Minimum reserve of fund is TEN YEARS
  - HPD must issue an annual report on use of these reserved funds
- 8. Threshold Requirements: Adorama
  - 74-711 Special Permit for height and setback waivers to facilitate a 60+unit residential building landmarks/historical
  - Height and setback are bulk requirements
  - "...where a special permit application would allow a significant increase in #residential floor area#..." City Planning Commission is establishing the appropriate terms and conditions for granting special permits
- 9. Next Steps
  - CAPA Process Affordable Housing Fund Guidelines
  - No movement on study of existing programs until renewal of 421a or successor program [no one is going to build unless tax credits are available]
  - Manhattan Neighborhood Studies --> Rezoning Frameworks
  - Manhattan Special Permits

Q & A followed presentation regarding enforcement of 421a's, reporting on how many units were funded under the 421a, 80/20, etc. programs, ask NYCHA to identify the 40 infill developments. Need to fix and track the accounting data.

More BP office involvement in oversight/monitoring of HPD lottery programs.