

Updates

Community Advisory Committee Meeting Summary: December 12, 2023

On Tuesday, December 12, 2023, the monitoring team for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) hosted a virtual Community Advisory (CAC) Committee meeting. A recording of the meeting is available on the **NYCHA Monitor YouTube channel** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-9YoEiO2fl>). A copy of the agenda is available **here** (<https://nychamonitor.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Agenda-CAC-12-12-23-Final.pdf>).

Resident Engagement Team Leader for the Federal Monitor, Asha Muldro, opened the discussion by providing an overview of the key work performed by the monitoring team in 2023. This included the issuance of several reports for heat, elevators, pest and waste, mold and lead, and safety and security – which are all available on the **nychamonitor.com website** (<https://nychamonitor.com/>). She also mentioned the community meetings held in each of the boroughs as well as the several CAC meetings. Summaries and recordings of the meetings are also available on the website.

Deputy Monitor, Daniel Brownell, reported on the recent news related to the **monitoring contract** (<https://nychamonitor.com/nycha-monitor-statement-on-engagement-completion/>) which will end for Guidepost Solutions in February 2024. Jenner & Block will be the new monitoring team beginning in March 2024. He assured attendees that the CAC will continue per the **HUD agreement** (<https://nychamonitor.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Final-Executed-NYCHA-Agreement.pdf>).

The current Federal Monitor, Bart M. Schwartz, along with Mr. Brownell met with Jenner & Block.* During the meeting, Mr. Schwartz emphasized the importance of involving the residents and spoke about the CAC as a model structure for NYCHA stakeholders to discuss NYCHA's challenges and come up with solutions, as well as a continual forum for all the agencies and stakeholders involved in NYCHA.

The meeting continued with the following updates from CAC members:

- New York City Police Department Captain, Raymond Kwong, reported on the decrease in most index crimes including shootings as a result of an increase in police presence and gun arrests.
- NYCHA's Director of Fire Safety, Joseph Terranova, introduced himself and gave an overview of NYCHA's new Fire Safety Department including its structure and mission.
- Fire Department of the City of New York Battalion Chief, Michael Thomson updated attendees on the ongoing key fob distribution throughout the five boroughs and the work he is doing with Mr. Terranova on fire protection.
- Council Member, District 38 and New York City Committee on Public Housing Chair, Alexa Avilés provided highlights of a recent hearing held in conjunction with the Committee on Aging to discuss safety issues at NYCHA.
- NYCHA's Vice President for Public Safety and Security, Chief James Secreto spoke about the new guard company overseeing about 56 senior buildings. He also mentioned that his team is continuing its efforts with the homelessness initiative and reported that Amazon lockers are now available in 17 developments.
- Community Partnerships Director, Brownsville Partnership, Noelle Meyers-Powell, gave a presentation on the Community Investment Trust (CIT) – a new initiative for a wealth building model focused on three components: collective communal ownership of an asset, the assets being commercial real estate, and an ownership opportunity for residents.
- NYCHA Special Counsel, Mehrnoosh Torbatnejad provided updates on the capital tracker which will launch either at the end of the year or early next year. Demos will be scheduled. Roll out plans include an instructional video. The tracker will also be available on the Mynycha App. Ms. Torbatnejad also gave an update on the stair climbers. The manufacturer of the stair climbers is providing training on the use of the stair climbers as well as on their maintenance and repair. After 7:00PM stair climber requests will be fulfilled by NYCHA's emergency services.
- NYCHA Manager for Resident Participation & Civic Engagement, Samantha Rogers informed attendees that the resident roundtables are closing in on their second year of existence. The next meeting will focus on NYCHA's e-bike policy, which is available on the website and included in emails sent to residents with a link for resident comments.

In her closing remarks, Ms. Muldro thanked all members of the CAC for volunteering their time to be a part of this committee and wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday season. The final CAC of this current monitoring team will be in February 2024.

**Although it was mentioned that Jenner and Block will include some of the current monitoring team members to their team, it is unlikely the new monitor will engage anyone from Guidepost to assist the new team.*

← **Meeting Notice: Community Advisory Committee Meeting, Tuesday, December 12, 2023 (<https://nychamonitor.com/meeting-notice-community-advisory-committee-meeting-tuesday-december-12-2023/>)**

Meeting Notice: Community Advisory Committee Meeting, February 21, 2024 → (<https://nychamonitor.com/meeting-notice-community-advisory-committee-meeting-february-21-2024/>)

Community Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2024
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

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