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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Proclamation No. 458 (Housing and Urban Development)	Update on the status of implementation of Proclamation No. 458 series of 1994, which reserved parcels of land situated along Manggahan Floodway in the Municipalities of Cainta and Taytay, Province of Rizal, and in Pasig City for socialized housing, declaring the same open for disposition in favor of qualified beneficiaries	The Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Jose Christopher Belmonte (6th District, Quezon City) discussed with concerned government agencies the status of implementation of Proclamation 458 particularly the portion of Manggahan Floodway in Taytay, Rizal. National Housing Authority's (NHA) East Sector II Division Manager Ma. Theresa Siat suggested that the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) should conduct a resurvey of the areas covered by special patents issued to the beneficiaries under Proclamation 458 before the lands can finally be awarded to them. Siat explained that the resurvey will correct the patents' overlapping boundaries. Land Management Bureau (LMB) OIC-Assistant Director Henry Pacis advised the NHA to make a formal request to the DENR to facilitate the conduct of the survey. Engineer Leonila Mercado of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) maintained that the Department discourages the construction of houses along the embankment of the Manggahan Floodway for the safety of the residents in the event of flooding. The DPWH was directed to submit a status report on the Manggahan Floodway project. Stakeholders were also asked to submit their proposed engineering designs for the socialized housing project for the beneficiaries in Taytay, Rizal.
	Discussion on the memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Alliance of People's Organizations Along Manggahan Floodway (APOAMF) and the City Government of Pasig	The Subcommittee learned from Engr. Josenar Caparas of the Office of the Mayor of Pasig City that the MOA will be signed on July 14. The MOA includes the following provisions: • The City Government of Pasig will implement its clearing operations of illegal structures and informal settler families (ISFs) along the Manggahan Floodway starting August 15, 2017 instead of May 24, as earlier scheduled. • Pasig City will give the affected ISFs P20,000 each which they may use as payment of house rental in case the designated NHA relocation site is not yet completed before August 15. • The ISFs, even after receiving the P20,000, may opt to temporarily stay at a housing project being administered by Pasig City pending the completion of the NHA relocation site. Siat said that at least 180 of the 395 identified beneficiaries will be accommodated in the NHA housing project before August 20, subject to compliance with NHA's requirements. The Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP) was directed to write the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) to request police protection of the NHA housing units against any illegal occupation or take over.