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General Board Meeting Minutes

April 25th, 2024

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Disability services and education.

- Mr. Daniel Flores discusses various services for people with disabilities, including housing, employment, and education.
- Ms. Natasha Davis discusses disability services and advocacy.
- Ms. Suraiyah Ortiz provides workshops and tailored services for young adults.

Community resources and services for seniors.

- Mr. Pedro Suarez updates the community on upcoming events and initiatives for the Avenue of Innovation.
- Mr. Pedro Suarez provides information on Third Avenue BID.
- Mr. Cristian Calderon from Urgent Care explains their organization's process for setting up home care assessments.
- Mr. Cristian Calderon discusses homecare agency services and partnerships.

Community issues and board updates.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto seeks approval of agenda modifications, but sanitation report is incomplete.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto thanks community board members for support, highlights achievements.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto highlights community concerns (homelessness, immigration, etc.) and board actions to address them.
- Board plans to launch St. Mary's Park Task Force to address public health issues in the local community park.

Legal cannabis distribution in the district.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses budget, safety, education, and economic development in city council meeting.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses commission department reputation and community safety.
- Distributors in district face challenges with licensing and operations.

Healthcare, education, and waste management in a district.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto addresses questions, while others discuss patterns in their district and locate legal cannabis dispensaries.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discusses expanding school services beyond Urgent Care to address STDs and HIV in the community.
- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc discusses waste management issues in a community.

Sanitation issues in a NYC neighborhood.

- Committee Chair Cesar Yoc and Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discuss sanitation issues in the industry.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto encourages community members to report sanitation issues via email or 311 reports, and follow up on those reports to ensure resolution.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto emphasizes the importance of community members sharing their concerns and SR numbers with the district office to address sanitation issues effectively.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto discusses sanitation issues in the Bronx with Anthony Jordan and others.

Cannabis licenses, police funding, and education in New York City.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto leads discussion on cannabis licenses in community board meetings.
- Mr. Socrates Solano, representative from the NYC Mayor's Office, outlines plans to address community issues, including police officers and education.
- Mr. Socrates Solano advocates for reducing cost of education and mental health services, while addressing non-violent crime.

Public safety, transportation, and police reform in New York City.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and others discuss a missing person and their whereabouts.
- Audience members express concerns about police response to safety issues in the district.

Community policing and budget impasse in New York.

- Ms. Carmen Santiago discusses past drug dealing activities and their impact on the community.

- Mr. Socrates Solano argues that the police department is underfunded and understaffed. Most uniformed workers have moved away from NYC due to better incentives.
- Mr. Jose Ramon Perez Lopez, a representative from Jose M. Serrano's office proposes three years of green grass for arts organizations.

Community issues and solutions.

- Ms. Britney Ron, a representative from Amanda Septimo's office, reports that the Assemblymember n discusses increasing penalties for small businesses and workers, and providing affordable housing.
- Ms. Britney Ron seeks feedback on solution before reaching out to community.
- City officials discuss ongoing efforts to address flooding and infrastructure issues.
- Ms. Maritza Ogaldes-Wiggins discusses Sanitation Department and the programs they offer.

Public safety, housing, and crime in Bronx.

- Ms. Gloria Cruz, a representative from Councilmember Diana Ayala's Office, discusses privatization of city services and security improvement projects.
- Ms. Gloria Cruz expresses concern about lack of support for Bronx homeowners affected by construction.
- Concerns about understaffed housing and inadequate police presence in a high-crime area.
- Ms. Gloria Cruz discuss potential crimes in a specific area and how to address them.

Police department operations and technology.

- Board members discuss police response times and strategies with officers.

Healthcare, education, and community issues in New York City.

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise highlights issues with call management and response times in the city.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise raises concerns about investor permission and legal authority in a television show.

Immigration Services.

- Committee discusses accessibility services for seniors and disabled individuals.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh discusses immigration challenges in NYC, seeking community involvement.

Creating spaces for conflict resolution and restorative justice.

- Committee Chair Evelyn Alvarez aims to create spaces for conflict resolution in district.
- Trainings in English, Spanish, and French to be held for conflict resolution and peace maintenance.
- Members discuss ways to support businesses affected by city renovations.

Parking issues in a New York City neighborhood.

- Residents request more 311 complaint calls to address community issues.
- District officials struggle to access and analyze data due to technical issues and lack of training.