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General Board Meeting Minutes

June 20th, 2024

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Calling Meeting to Order

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto calls meeting to order.

Affordable housing, cultural district funding, and community resources in the South Bronx.

- New York State Senator Jose Serrano highlights legislative achievements and gratitude towards community.
- New York State Senator Jose Serrano emphasizes the importance of arts and culture in the city, citing their role in promoting social justice and unity.
- New York State Senator Jose Serrano expresses concern for small businesses affected by a recent fire in the South Bronx, vowing to provide resources for their recovery.
- New York State Senator Jose Serrano highlights legislation to support affordable housing in the South Bronx.
- New York State Senator Jose Serrano discusses school budget concerns with Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto.

Gang activity in St. Mary's, including social media influence and community involvement.

- NYPD reported there are two rival gangs in St. Mary's, with a history of violence and retaliation.
- There was a member who was murdered days prior to the shooting, leading to a social media feud and retaliation.
- Community members discuss challenges in preventing youth from joining gangs in a local district.

NYPD's response to illegal drug activity in a housing development.

- Captain Emmanuel Kwo of PSA 7 highlights ongoing issues with criminal trespassing in NYC housing.

- District Attorney invited to address concerns in September.

Improving maintenance processes at a housing complex.

- Ms. Eva Trimble, Chief Operating Officer, from NYCHA highlights improvements in response time and product organization.
- Ms. Eva Trimble reports progress on reducing vacancies in apartment complexes.
- Ms. Eva Trimble discusses challenges with turnover and eligibility interviews at a housing complex.

NYCHA lead abatement program and turnover process.

- Developer prioritizes rehabilitation over new construction for turnover units.
- Ms. Eva Trimble apologizes for program delays, reassigns skilled trades to reduce hotel stays.

CCC wait times and staffing issues.

- Residents' possessions are removed during lead abatement work to prevent dust exposure.
- Ms. Eva Trimble: CCC wait times too long due to staff reductions, rehiring underway.
- Ms. Eva Trimble encourages using app/website for 90% of tickets, with no wait time for automated service.

Expanding a juvenile detention facility.

- Committee discusses expansion of juvenile detention facility to address overcrowding and provide additional amenities.
- Acting chair for Education & Youth reports on design and construction of educational facilities.
- Committee voted to expand.

Housing development project in New York City.

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto asks for a motion to support the New Horizon juvenile center annex project.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto grants motion with conditions on mental health education.
- Committee on Economic Development land use and zoning voted to table City of Yes housing project due to lack of information from the Department of City Planning.
- Housing division has been working on a four-year plan for the largest housing development in New York City's history, with questions from the committee on environmental study and policy.

Community development, liquor licenses, and police reports.

- Mr. John Mangin, from NYC Department of City Planning, discusses the need for more information on how the proposed development will benefit the community.
- Mr. John Mangin and other members of the community aim to collect questions and present them.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and Committee Chairperson Paola Martinez discuss the plan for Community District 1, with Ms. Martinez emphasizing the importance of addressing the housing shortage and gentrification in the area.
- Business owners and police officers discuss liquor license renewals in a community meeting.

Community board matters, including events and support for local businesses.

- Committee approves letter of support for community center project.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto leads meeting, discusses events and activities for Bronx community.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto thanks members and volunteers for their work.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan shares a story about a four-alarm fire that affected local businesses.

Action Items

- Send any outstanding questions from the community board to the Department of Design and Construction about the New Horizon project.
- Schedule a follow up meeting between the NYC Housing representative and community board members to discuss specifics of the housing plan for CB1.
- Distribute event fliers from presenters to community.