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General Board Meeting Minutes

May 30th, 2024

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Opening of Meeting.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan welcomes attendees. Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto delays approving agenda due to late arrivals.
- Mr. Jeremias Diaz describes community patrol efforts in Community Board #1 District.

Public Session.

- Ms. Sheneika Loud, owner of AFC Urgent Care highlights the high number of STDs and STIs in the community, particularly among young people.
- Ms. Sheneika Loud urges help in spreading the word about testing and safe spaces for youth and women, while addressing recent violent incidents in their location.
- Ms. Sheneika Loud plans to open urgent care locations in every borough, prioritizing diversity and inclusion in healthcare ownership.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise suggests partnering with rideshare services to reach underserved communities.
- Organization plans to host events in the community to promote healthcare access and safe sex practices.
- Mr. Dana Jones and his siblings are producing a full-feature film in their community, with a cookout and free events on June 15.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto thanks the Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and welcomes community members to monthly meeting.

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson brings greetings.

- The CB1 board is prioritizing diversity in reappointments and new appointments, considering factors like race, ethnicity, geography, profession, and more.
- The Board is working closely City Council delegation to ensure partnership and support in the appointment process.

- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson highlights various units within the office, including the ombudsman, community services, and planning and development teams.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson emphasizes the importance of working with all stakeholders, including schools, businesses, and local organizations, to boost tourism and economic development in the Bronx.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson highlights Bronx's progress in job creation and community development.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson emphasizes the importance of jobs and programs for public safety in the Bronx.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson works closely with the council to ensure full funding for cultural organizations, libraries, parks, and more.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson highlights the Bronx's high rates of maternal mortality and morbidity, and is working to build a birthing center and expand access to healthcare services.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson is dedicated to addressing the Bronx's health disparities, including HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and fibroids, through community-based initiatives and legislative action.
- Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson expresses gratitude and looks forward to working with community members and public servants.
- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda is introduced. He provided an overview of his office's duties on enforcement of the NY State laws on closing down illegal cannabis shops.

Enforcement of laws and regulations in New York City.

- The New York City Sheriff's Department is responsible for civil law enforcement in the city, including serving orders of protection and executing mental hygiene warrants.
- The office has new authority to operate within the law, including seizing products and issuing violations at locations where cannabis is being sold illegally.
- The sheriff's office has visited over 600 locations in all five boroughs to enforce compliance with the new law.
- Over \$21 million in civil penalties have been issued, and over \$10 million in products have been seized.

Illegal cannabis products targeting children in New York City.

- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda explains why certain locations are important for illegal cannabis distribution, including packaging for children and teenagers.

- Inspections have found that distributors are spraying chemicals on cannabis, making it a health danger due to unregulated products.
- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda emphasizes the importance of being informed and educated about the products being sold to children.
- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda highlights the dangers of illegal operations and the need to hold businesses accountable for their actions.

Enforcing laws against illegal businesses in the city.

- Authorities targeting locations selling illegal goods, including mobile operators and brick-and-mortar stores.
- Fines issued to businesses range from \$10,000 to \$25,000, with landlords also at risk of \$50,000 fine if they fail to take action.
- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda emphasizes collaboration and problem-solving in addressing community concerns.

Cannabis enforcement and licensing in NYC.

- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda mentions that most people don't take advantage of going to the sheriff's office for assistance, but they can provide information on how to do so.
- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda explains that the sheriff's office investigates corporations that own multiple properties in NYC, and they work with DA's offices to pursue criminal investigations and evictions.
- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda: Locations visited had diverse groups of people, not legacy market.

Illegal evictions, blackouts, and enforcement in New York City.

- New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda highlights the danger of packaging that attracts children, leading to illegal sales.
- The New York City sheriff's office executes court orders, including evictions, and has a process for enforcing them.
- The sheriff's office works with the police department to address issues such as ghost plates and uninsured vehicles, and the public can report these issues to the office.

Addressing community concerns about crime and safety in a local area.

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise expresses concern about local sheriff's office not addressing community issues on illegal cannabis, asked the Sheriff to look into that.
- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise highlights the importance of investigating unlicensed shops, especially those near schools and houses of worship.
- The agency investigates and verifies information provided by complainants to issue protection orders.
- The agency has an effective rate of protecting individuals and takes corrective action when necessary.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto asks about investigations and sealing locations, and New York City Sheriff Anthony Miranda provides information on how to check the outcome of investigations.

Street naming procedures for three submitted applications.

- Board Members approve three street names, "World Week of Boxing," Laquai Dash Way, and Reverend Dr. Herbet Reeves Senior Way after missing paperwork is provided.
- Reverend Dr. Herbert Reeves served the community for 40 years before passing away, and a section of street D will be named after him.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and others honor the legacies of local figures, including a pastor and a boxer through street renaming process.
- Member Brenda Goodwin moves to approve street namings, thanks community for support.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains next steps after approval, including city council vote and ceremony.

Restaurant licenses.

- Committee chair emphasizes importance of attending meetings for license renewal.
- Mayor's office report on upcoming events and initiatives.

Affordable housing, public safety, and education in the Bronx.

- Ms. Courtney Aubain from Congressman Ritchie Torres's Office discusses legislation addressing affordable housing and fire safety standards for lithium ion batteries.
- Ms. Courtney Aubain provides information on affordable housing options, including a new mobile app for Section 8 vouchers.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto fields questions on eligibility requirements.

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- Committee members discuss providing guidance to guest speakers, reporting on gun issues, and attending a worker cooperative event.

Action Items

Provide the community with information on eligibility requirements for Section 8 housing voucher program.

Look into issues raised about a specific business (Health and Smokehouse) and report back.

Schedule a Bronx Coalition event on worker cooperatives and share registration details.