



Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting **Minutes**

October 2nd, 2018

Board Members Present: Rosemary Ordonez- Jenkins Chair of Committee, Justin Westbrook Lowery Vice-Chair of Committee, James Tynan, Daniel Porro, Doralina Colon, Abunoman Rahman

Board Members Not Present: Angel Martinez, Nevia Gallimore

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M. Attendees of meeting introduced themselves.

Introduction

Committee Description: The social service & housing committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, veterans and housing concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, New York City Housing Authority, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Disability Sub-Committee is under this committee.

Speakers/Presentations- Roberto Reyes, RAIN- Program Manager for Alzheimer's caregiver link program- (Flyer attached for upcoming seminars). Mr. Reyes discussed about what Alzheimer's is:

- Alzheimer's is a type of dementia and the most common type
- Biggest risk factor is age. If you're over 65 you have a bigger chance to develop the disease.
- As the disease sets in it kills off neurons one by one. These changes affect people's cognition, thinking and behaviors. Some of the symptoms are:
 - Constant repetition
 - Difficulty solving problems and planning.
 - Confusion and withdrawal from social situations.
 - Getting stuck or forgetting what you are going to say.
 - Misplaced objects
 - Extra care is needed for people with this disease. They can forget to eat or overeat and forget to take their medications.

New Business

- A. Health Workshop in Partnership with ShopRite Dietician Angela Vita (Flyer Attached)
 - Ms. Vita stated to add the 2nd floor of ShopRite to flyer. The event is from 12PM-

1:30 PM on Saturday October 27th. A resident asked about Zumba class and Ms. Vita stated the Zumba class is about 20 people and they have to RSVP.

B. Rogier Van Vlissingen announced that he is doing a dinner for doctors on October 9th at Nirab restaurant on Starling Avenue. Mr. Van Vlissingen asked if anyone has a doctor they want to invite and if so to let him know.

Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins announced the following:

- The department of Social Services has announced that effective September 10th SNAP clients will no longer have to wait for HRA to call them at a schedule time to complete interviews. After applications are completed and submitted clients will be able to call HRA at 718-SNAP-NOW from 8:30 am to 5 pm for an on demand interview. Clients have up to 30 days to fulfill this requirement. On demand interviews will reduce the uncertainty of applying to snap and give clients more flexibility.
- United Veterans Day committee announced their 34th annual Veterans Day Parade on November 18th. They will assemble at East Tremont and Lafayette Avenue and will end at the Veteran's Memorial Park. The Veterans Day committee cordially invites all organizations to participate.
- The citizens committee for NYC has neighborhood grants offering up to \$3,000 for any neighborhood groups, public school based groups and NYCHA tenant associations. They're working to improve the quality throughout the city. The Application deadline is January 21st, 2019. For more information contact Marina at 212-822-9579 or email Mgonzalez@citizensnyc.gov, applications can be downloaded in English and Spanish at www.citizensnyc.org

Meeting Adjourned: 7:48 P.M.