



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 19th, 2018

Present: Abunoman Rahman, Angel Martinez, Benigno Cuevas, Brandon Ganaishlal, Cruz Garcia, Daniel Porro III, Felipa Manaiza, Hanna Godinez, Harry Dunlap, Henry Pelayo Jr. James Tynan, Jennifer Ellison Lackard Juan Torres, Justin Westbrook-Lowery, Kadesha Washington, Lisa Diaz, Loretta Masterson, Mohammad Mujumder, Nicolas Himidian Jr., Sarwar Jahan, Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Sharan Fernandez, Venus Williams, William Rivera (DM)

Absent: Cleneth Dais, Carla Singleton, Isabelo Adames, Jaime Feliberty, Linda Brown, Nelson Peralta, Nicole Washington

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Note: The Chairperson asked the audience to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

Public Session

1. Ms. Nicole Joseph, a resident, was the first guest speaker.

Note: The guest speaker was not present at the meeting. The Chairperson moved on to the next guest speaker.

2. Ms. Pamela Stuart Martinez, a community member, was the second guest speaker.

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3. Mr. Johnny Rivera, was the third guest speaker. He announced to the audience of a conference in regards to the Opioid epidemic in the Bronx.

4. Mr. Walter Nestler, a public member, was the fourth guest speaker. He announced that he was away for the Public Hearing in regards to Hope House. He went to the Board to request information about how the hearing went. He found out that the meeting was not recorded and

that the Assemblyman referred Hope House. He submitted a letter to the Assemblyman's office and to the Community Board to ask the same question.

Note: Mr. Dennis Ramos introduced himself and said that he was present at the Public Hearing. He said there were multiple media outlets at the hearing and that they took statements from multiple individuals and lastly, he stated he was a 20mb clip that he pulled from News 12 that has recording from the public hearing.

5. Ms. Alison Walsh, was the fifth guest speaker.

Note: The guest speaker was not present at the meeting. The Chairperson moved on to the next guest speaker.

6. Ms. Joan Barnes, from Friends of Soundview Park, was the sixth guest speaker. She is trying to get the audience involved with the INaturalist Challenge.

7. Mr. Michael Beltzer, a public member, was the seventh guest speaker. He thanked the Board for sponsoring the 2nd annual Easter Hunt. He announced that there will be a Bus Rally on White Plains Road and Westchester Avenue for the BX36, 39, 4, 4A.

Elected Officials Report

1. Ms. Ariel Devilia, from Councilmember Rafael Salamanca's Office, was the first representative speaker. This was her first CB9 General Board Meeting. She will be participating from now on. She announced a few of the items the Councilmember has been involved in. She left her contact information and shared a few things the office does.

2. Mr. Andy Toledo, from the Bronx Borough President's Office, was the second representative speaker. He announced that reappointments letters will be in the mail soon. There will be a refresher course for Board Members in regards to City Planning.

3. Mr. Andy Salas, from Senator Jeffrey D. Klein's Office, was the third representative speaker. He introduced Mr. Giermo Rodriguez. Mr. Salas announced his departure from the office.

4. Ms. Leticia Teasley, from Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda's Office, was the fourth representative speaker. She announced several events that the Assemblyman's Office will be hosting.

5. Mr. Antirson Ortiz, from The Comptroller's Office, was the fifth representative speaker. Mr. Ortiz announced some facts about immigration and citizenship fees.

6. Ms. Jessica Reynoso, from the Public Advocate's Office, was the sixth representative speaker. Ms. Reynoso gave a summary of the bill to create an independent commission to review the city's charter. The Public Advocate has called for the legalization of marijuana.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to go into the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brandon Ganaishlal. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Business Session

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to approve the March 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins. There was 1 abstention. The motion was passed.

Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson announced that Ms. Nicole Washington, Mr. Nelson Peralta, and Ms. Carla Singleton had not reapplied to be Board Members and will be finishing their term at the end of June. The Chairperson appreciated their hard work and dedication and wished them good luck on their future endeavors. He announced that the nominations for Treasurer will be stated in the Executive and Operations meeting in May. He announced that Ms. Linda Brown has taken a leave of absence to have surgery on her knee. He asked for Board Members to take some time to email or call her to wish her well. He announced that City Planning will be having a course on URLUPs and Zoning and is asking for Land & Zoning committee members to go. The Chairperson went into great detail about attendance. He asked all Committee Chairs to be mindful when conducting business to make sure they have quorum in the meeting they are chairing. He added that the Chairs are responsible for their committee member's attendance, therefore, they must properly note if the Board Member in question was present or not. The Chairperson further added that when the minutes are sent to Chairpersons of committees, they should read over the minutes long before the meeting to make any adjustments or corrections.

District Manager's Report

The District Manager announced that EDC came to the Parks Committee and did a presentation. Late, summer they will be doing the Ferry Launch, before they will be doing a large committee meeting in Shore Haven. The District Manager said that he has gone back and forth with city agencies in regards to inviting Board Members to events in short notice. He said that the city agencies always want a presence at these meeting but because Board Members have their daily routines and responsibilities, it is difficult. ShopRite will host a hiring event on April 24th, and should have a date of opening. The District Manager said that he has taken a strong interest in the NYC Charter revision and will pay close attention to the discussions had.

Note: A few Board Members and audience members had questions about the ferry in regards to parking, inefficient port stations, etc. The District Manager and the Chairperson answered these questions in length.

Committee Reports

1. Land and Zoning Committee – Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder, Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to “*approve BSA application number 85-99 BZ, located at 1106 Metcalf Avenue, to waive the rules and practice and procedure, so as to allow an early filing and extend the term of the variance for automotive service station with*

accessory uses for a period of 10 years past June 27, 2020". There were 22 Yays, 1 Abstention, and 4 members Absent.

2. Operations/Executive Committee – Mr. Nicholas Himidian Jr., Chairperson

Note: The Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to “*write a letter to city agencies in reference to Board Members be vet invitations*”. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

3. Parks Committee – Mr. Jaime Feliberty

Note: Minutes submitted as is.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to “*approve the NYC Parks Re-construction plans for the Noble Avenue playground comfort station and include/re-visit the re-naming of playground to NYPD Sgt. Paul Tuozzolo*”. There were 23 Yays, 3 abstentions, and 1 absent. The motion was passed.

4. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Brandon Ganaishlal, Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to “*approve to re-name Newbold Avenue, between Havemeyer & Castle Hill Avenues after 2nd Lt. John N. Sekul*”. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

5. Social Services & Housing Committee – Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery announced that there will be a Resolution handed out to Aurelia Green at the Senior Symposium.

6. Youth and Education Committee – Ms. Venus Williams., Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: Mr. Harry Dunlap became the new Vice-Chairman to replace Ms. Nicole Washington.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion to go into the New Business Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosemary-Ordonez Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

New Business

The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned 8:45pm