



## **General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

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

**Absent:** Carla Singleton, Cleneth Dais, Isabelo Adames, Jame Tynan

**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. Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder**, a Board Member, was the first guest speaker. He announced that he will be giving out toys to the public from his office at 1222 White Plains Road.
- 2. Mr. Walter Nestler**, a Public Member, was the second guest speaker. Mr. Nestler submitted a FOIL to the Board. He reminded the audience that the ferry service would start Summer 2018 but some questions have not been answered and he is hoping that the documents he seeks will answer said questions.
- 3. Members of Saint Andrews Village** were the third guest speakers. They announced that they attended the Land & Zoning meeting and were told that a strong letter would be drafted in order to reflect what the residents were feeling. The letter was drafted but it did not share the sentiments of what the residents wanted.

**4. Ms. Chyna Hynes** was the fourth guest speaker. She announced that Bronxworks now has a location in the Bronx.

### **Elected Officials Report**

**1. Mr. Andy Sales**, from Senator Jeffrey D. Klein's Office, was the first representative speaker. Mr. Sales gave an update about the supermarket at Bruckner Plaza Mall. He added that the Senator's Office is coordinating with Community Board #9 to discuss with Hope House further and to gauge their intentions. Mr. Sales ended the report by announcing the Three Kings Day event at Sac Wern Houses on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Mr. Devon Harris**, from Assemblyman Marcos Crespo's Office, was the second representative speaker. Mr. Harris introduced Ms. Catalina Sanchez as a new employee for the Assemblyman's office. He reiterated the Three Kings Day Event.

**3. Mr. Luis Sepluvada**, representing the 87<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, was the third representative speaker. The Assemblyman wished the audience a Happy Holiday. He announced a Christmas Event and a Three Kings Event where that will be toys to be distributed alongside Senator Klein and future Councilmember Senator Diaz. He announced that the Spelling Bee will be in January or February of 2018. He added that the Summer Reading challenge will be held during the summer.

**4. Mr. Andy Toledo**, from the Borough President's Office, was the fourth representative speaker. Mr. Toledo announced that the audience can apply to be Board members on the Borough Presidents website. He added that reappointees should submit their application in right away to be considered for reappointment.

**Note:** The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to go into the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

### **Business Session**

#### **Chairperson's Report**

Report tabled. Minutes submitted as is.

#### **District Manager's Report**

The District Manager announced that 1600 Randall Avenue is an empty lot currently but will be turned into a transitional home with 99 units for women potentially including children. He had a site visit with DOT on Bronx River Avenue and Bruckner Blvd; the signal timing has been adjusted, enforcement of double parking and new markings. He announced that he met with all the Elected Officials minus Rafael Salamanca. He will be meeting with him in January. They discussed budget priorities and servicing. He announced that 1792 Lafayette Avenue is a transitional building for families.

## **Committee Reports**

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

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

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

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

### **3. Parks Committee** – Mr. Jaime Feliberty

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

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

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

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

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

**Note:** Ms. Ordonez-Jenkins announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mental Health Fair will be rescheduled for a future date.

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

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

**Note:** Ms. Williams announced that the toys are still being collected for the Toy Drive. Board members are required to bring 1 toy. She added that residents can drop off toys at the Board Office. The Coat Drive will end on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **New Business**

The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to adjourn the General Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

**Note: Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm**