



## **General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Present:** Abunoman Rahman, Benigno Cuevas, Brandon Ganaishlal, Cleneth Dais, Daniel Porro III, Felipa Manaiza, Hanna Godinez, Harry Dunlap, Henry Pelayo Jr., Jaime Feliberty, James Tynan, Jennifer Ellison Lackard Juan Torres, Justin Westbrook-Lowery, Linda Brown, , Loretta Masterson, Mohammad Mujumder, Nicolas Himidian Jr., Sarwar Jahan, Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Sharan Fernandez, William Rivera (DM)

**Absent:** Angel Martinez, Cruz Garcia, Carla Singleton, Isabelo Adames, Kadesha Washington, Lisa Diaz, Nelson Peralta, Nicole Washington, Venus Williams,

**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. Angela Laguer**, from the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Council, was the first guest speaker. Ms. Laguer announced that she had the RSVP forms for the annual Fellowship breakfast.
- 2. Mr. Ben Ireland**, from DSNY Compost Giveback Event, was the second guest speaker. He announced that DSNY is making compost from work scraps. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, DSNY will be hosting a Compost Giveback Event for residents in the 5 boroughs.
- 3. Ms. Mary Lawson**, from DOH, was the third guest speaker.

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

- 4. Mr. Rogier F. van Vlissingen**, a public member, was the fourth guest speaker. He announced that there will be another meal prep event at St. Helenas. On April 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dinner for Doctors on Starling Avenue. There will be information for the doctors about the

Whole Foods Plant based diet. On May 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Whole Foods Event hosted by Community Board #9 and St. Helenas Church.

**5. Mr. Michael Beltzer**, a public member, was the fifth guest speaker. He wanted to invite the audience on behalf of the South East Bronx Community Council to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Soundview Spring Egg Hunt at Soundview Park. He announced that the event is being hosted with Community Board #9, 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Council, Jobs Plus, and Friends of Soundview Park.

**6. Ms. Maritza Cortaza**, from HRA, was the sixth guest speaker.

### **Elected Officials Report**

**1. Mr. Andy Toledo**, from the Bronx Borough President's Office, was the first representative speaker. He announced that the Board members received the email invitation for the Parliamentary workshop. The Borough Presidents office are trying to target the members who did not go last year. He announced that the new Board Member admissions have been approved and that new additions will be added sometime in April.

**2. Ms. Leticia Teasley**, from Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda's Office, was the second representative speaker. She announced several events the Assemblyman's office was hosting in April.

**3. Mr. Antirson Ortiz**, from the Comptroller's Office, was the third representative speaker. Mr. Ortiz explained to the audience about the functions of the Comptroller's Office.

**Note:** The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to go into the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

### **Business Session**

**Note:** The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to approve the February 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

### **Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson read a petition letter that asks for support in terms of improving the bus system that is currently in place. The Chairperson asked bus users to fill out the petition at their earliest convenience. He announced Intrepid After Dark. It's for veterans and service members, allowing them to explore the museum without lines with a dinner. He announced that DOT came to the Public Safety committee to do a presentation on the new redesign for White Plains Road and Bruckner Blvd.

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

The District Manager announced that there have been many snowstorms and flurries and that DSNY has been working non-stop for cleanup. He had another meeting with the Commander of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to discuss everyday items. There was a Townhall meeting with Senator Klein's office. He will be sending the DOT Powerpoint presentation to the Board Members. He announced that there will be renovations in the office during the summer.

**Note:** A few Board Members and audience members had questions about the ferry. The Chairperson and District Manager answered accordingly.

### **Committee Reports**

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

**Note:** Minutes were submitted as is.

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

The Department of Sanitation came to the meeting to give a presentation.

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

**Note:** The meeting was cancelled was due to snow. Mr. Feliberty announced the return of the Family Game night on Fridays.

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

**Note:** Minutes were submitted as is.

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

On Saturday March 17<sup>th</sup>, The Community Board will be hosting its First Annual Mental Health & Disabilities Fair from 12pm to 4pm. On April 20<sup>th</sup>, The Community Board will be hosting its Senior Symposium from 10am to 1:30pm.

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

**Note:** Minutes were submitted as is.

**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**

Ms. Linda Brown announced that the Seniors Connect meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> will be a breakfast for the District Attorney and new Deputy Borough President. Ms. Linda Brown presented a prayer card for Mr. Henry Pelayo Jr. on behalf of several Board Members. The mass will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Holy Cross Church.

The Chairperson announced that there was an email in regards to a new proposals to change the ratio for zoning. He says it is important to discuss in the next Land & Zoning because of the upcoming zoning projects in the neighborhood.

**Note:** Mr. Daniel Porro III wanted to remind Board Members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Disability Committee event on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Note:** Ms. Jennifer Ellison-Lackard wanted to remind the Board Members of the Race-4-Reentry event on April 28<sup>th</sup> and several other events afterwards.

**Note:** Mr. Andy Salas, from Senator Jeffrey D. Klein's Office, spoke about a Build-a-Bunny event for Easter at Villa Barone. He said to call the office to RSVP.

**Note:** Mr. Devon Harris, from Assemblyman Marcos Crespo's Office, sent a Welcome message on behalf of the Assemblyman who is currently in Albany. He announced that if anyone has any complaints about Potholes and lighting to please give him a call.

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 7:49pm**

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