



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 17th, 2018

Present: Cruz Garcia, Daniel Porro III, Felipa Manaiza, Hannia Godinez, Harry Dunlap, Henry Pelayo Jr., Isabelo Adames, Jaime Feliberty, Jennifer Ellison-Lackard, Juan Torres, Justin Westbrook-Lowery, Kadesha Washington, Lisa Diaz, Loretta Masterson, Mohammed Mujumder, Nicholas Himidian Jr., Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Sarwar Jahan, William Rivera (DM)

Absent: Abunoman Rahman, Angel Martinez, Benigno Cuevas, Brandon Ganaishlal, Cleneth Dais, James Tynan, Linda Brown, Sharan Fernandez, 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. Angie Woody**, from NY Crime Reduction Crime Educators, was the first guest speaker. She says that her organization provides the following services: syringe exchanges, holistic health services, health educators, taichi, testing for various diseases, overdose intervention training.
- 2. Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder**, 1st Vice Chair, was the second guest speaker. He invited the audience to a breakfast event and that the District Manager will be honored.
- 3. Ms. Amanda Farias**, from NY Alliance, was the third guest speaker. She is working on a Wells Fargo granted for people namely in the South Bronx Area. She is offering a free CDL license training. She is also offering a 60hr Auto Technician Program.
- 4. Mr. Edward Hernandez**, a resident from Parkchester, was the fourth guest speaker. Mr. Hernandez came to complain about noise and debris issues in a lot in Parkchester.

5. Ms. Michelle Feliciano, from Association for Energy Affordability, was the fifth guest speaker. The Association for Energy Affordability, Inc. is dedicated to achieving energy efficiency in new and existing buildings in order to foster and maintain affordable and healthy housing and communities, especially those of low-income.

6. Mr. Rogier F. van Vlissingen, a public member, was the sixth guest speaker. He said there will be a plant based health fair at St. Helena's Church. There will be speakers, information, vendors, etc.

7. Ms. Aurora Carrion, the President of the 43rd Precinct Council, was the seventh guest speaker. Ms. Carrion was upset about the carnival and rodeo happening in the last weekend of April and the following weekend in May. She said that it was too loud.

Elected Officials Report

1. Mr. Joshua Cortez, from the Mayor's Office, was the first representative speaker. The Mayor is looking at the Charter of the City of NY. The Mayor will be hosting Public Forums to make changes to the Charter.

2. Mr. Fernando Cabrera, Councilmember of District 14, was the second representative speaker. Mr. Cabrera announced that he will be fighting to increase the budget of the community board by 50,000 and also will advocate for the Community Boards to gain back some of their "powers".

3. Mr. Andy Toledo, from the Bronx Borough President's Office, was the third representative speaker. He thanked the Board Members who attend the appreciation dinner. He announced that reappointment letters will be sent out this month and new appointee letters will be sent out in June. He announced that the Borough President released his development report.

4. Mr. Josue Melendez, from the Councilmember Salamanca's Office, was the fourth representative speaker. He said that the Councilmember has taken a big stance on the closing of the floating boat prison in Hunts Point. He announced a free event at 7pm that will be co-hosted by the Borough President, Senator Sepulveda, and Assemblyman Crespo at Maestro's Catering.

5. Mr. Ramon Cabral, from Congressman Serrano's Office, was the fifth representative speaker. The Congressman is working on the Procreation's Bill. There is a new interim Post-Master at Turnbull Avenue and the Congressman will be working on having an open meeting in regards to the post office.

6. Mr. Guillermo Rodriguez, from Senator Jeffrey D. Klein's Office, was the sixth representative speaker.

7. Ms. Cecilia Hernandez, from Senator Luis Sepulveda's Office, was the seventh representative speaker. She announced a shredding event at 1450 East Avenue.

8. Mr. Antirson Ortiz, from the Comptroller's Office, was the eighth guest speaker. He announced that Scott Stringer introduced the audit where empty lots were allocated to being parking for Affordable Housing. He announced that since 2006, rent has increased by 25%.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to go into the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loretta Masterson. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Business Session

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to approve the April 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson called over Mr. Daniel Porro III to the podium. He announced while Linda Brown is away on recovery, Daniel Porro will be heading the Seniors Connected Meeting and chairing the Disabilities committee. He announced that the Chair of Parks, Mr. Jaime Feliberty will be retiring from the Board. The Chairperson announced that the letter for Summerstage was drafted and completed to be sent out.

District Manager's Report

The District Manager announced that the office staff will no longer be using paper for timesheets, all timekeeping will be done in Citytime. Renovations will be done in the office, when the date is confirmed, the District Manager will notify the Executive Committee.

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

Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery announced that there is a resolution for the Board to consider. Mr. Westbrook-Lowery explained that city agencies are having meetings at inconvenient times therefore, Board Members, community members/stakeholders cannot attend nor give any input in the meetings. Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery put the motion *“a resolution to encourage city agencies to schedule site visits, presentations, and meetings at times that are more accommodating to community board members and community stakeholders.”* on the floor. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

3. Parks Committee – Mr. Jaime Feliberty

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

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

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

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

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

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

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Nominations Committee

Mr. Henry Pelayo was the only willingly eligible Board Member to run for the vacant position of Treasurer. The official voting will take place in June's General Board Meeting.

Note: The Board Members decided to take a quick vote to make Henry Pelayo's nomination official. The motion was unanimous. Mr. Henry Pelayo is the new Treasurer.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm