



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 19, 2019

Present: Abunoman Rahman, Beverly Roberts, Brandon Ganaishlalll, Cesar Pagan, Cruz Garcia, Daniel Porro, Doralina Colon, Elizabeth Angeles, Henry Pelayo, James Tynan, Kevin Kiernan, Louise Marchena, Mitchell Halpern, Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Rosa Gomez, Sarwar Jahan, Shante Chamblee, Sharan Fernandez, Sharyn Brown, Steven Ochoa, Sinade Wadsworth, Twywana Bush

Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm

Note: The Chairperson asked the audience to stand for the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Note: The Chairperson entered into the Public Session.

Public Session

1. Rogier Van Vlissingen, Plant based diet- Mr. Van Vlissingen stated that as of 2020 plant based will be mandatory in every NYS hospital. Mr. Van Vlissingen also announced that on January 18th, 2020 a cooking class will be held at St. Helenas.
2. Jonathan Pansela Young life Bronx region, this program is made for kids throughout their adolescent years. Young Life is the name of our organization and is also the term used for the program with high school students. Young Life's multicultural ministry, focused on kids in diverse cultural communities and those in economically-depressed areas, is arguably the largest of its kind in the United States.

Motion to go to business section by Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal, seconded by Cesar Pagan.

Business Session

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

1. Senator Sepulveda- Thanked the Board Members for the work that they do as volunteers. Senator Sepulveda stated that for thanksgiving he gave out turkeys and is giving out toys to

community for the holidays. Senator Sepulveda announced that in February he will have a Valentine's Day celebration. Senator Sepulveda also announced that he will be hosting a spelling bee for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders at Stevenson commons campus for students in district.

2. Alexis Ruiz from the Borough Presidents office stated that community board applications are now available again. Mr. Ruiz also announced that City Planning will hold training session for Community Board members on January 27, 2020 from 6:30 PM to 9PM at the Metropolitan college of NY. Emmanuel Martinez from Senator Biaggi introduced himself and spoke about the opioid crisis discussion event which will be taking place on Nov 25th at the City Island Library. Senator Biaggi's staff is located at Bronx House for constituent services.
3. Antirson Ortiz from the Comptroller's office stated that \$300,037 is spent on inmates every year and still there is crime going on in the jail system. There are still officers getting assaulted. Mr. Ortiz stated that the Comptroller would like to find out how we can better assess the budget. There are so many other things that can be done. Antirson thanks everyone on behalf of comptroller and wished them a happy holiday.
4. Taneya Jolly from Teens Talk, stated that teen talk provides conversations about politics, identify and culture through different mediums. Ms. Jolly stated that this platform is for all youth in America. Ms. Jolly stated that submissions for teen talk are received every month and that the first deadline is January 28th, 2020. DM Rivera ask for Taneya to come to the Y&E meeting in January.

Chairperson's Report

- City Planning meeting January 27, 2020 for Community Board Members.
- The Chairman wished everyone a happy holiday on behalf of the staff and himself.

District Manager's Report

- Seniors Connected meeting will be tomorrow with surprise from Santa.
- DM Rivera thanked everyone and all board members for bringing toys for North Central Emergency room.
- The City Planning training session on January 27th, 2020 is important.
- The construction for the CB9 office still has not started. After construction starts it will take 60-90 days. Hopefully we will be able to move back in the summer.
- FDNY will be invited to do a presentation for smoke detectors.
- DM Rivera stated that two family shelters will be coming to the District. DM Rivera emailed the notice to all Board Members. The shelter on Evergreen is proposed for mid-2020 and the shelter on Olmstead is proposed for 2021.
- DM wished everyone a happy holiday.

*Sanzida Talukder, previous CB9 college aide, thanked everyone for the opportunity to work at Community Board 9, to build professional skills.

Committee Reports

1. Youth & Education Committee Minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Cesar Pagan
2. Land & Zoning minutes were tabled and submitted as is by chair Vice-Chair Mitchell Halpern.
3. Parks minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Kwabena Gabay.
4. Public Safety Minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Brandon Ganaishlal.
5. Social Services minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Daniel Porro.
6. NYCHA minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Nicholas Himidian.

Meeting adjourned: 7:36 PM

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