



## **General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

**Present:** Doralina Colon, Monique Farrington, Ram Halder, Lena Johnson, Sinade Wadsworth, Daniel Porro, Shante Chamblee, Juan Torres, James Tynan, Alizia McMyers, Lenora Easter, Jennifer Sayers, Jorge Hurtado, Lisa Diaz, Abunoman Rahman, Lenora Easter, David Marin, Anne Johnson, Chiene Jones, Miriam Sanchez, Antionette Vereen, DM Rivera

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:05pm

**Note:** The District Manager began the Public Session and Elected Officials Report

### **Public Session**

1. Keemon Spears, Healthy Garden Living- Mr. Spears shared his personal experience of the benefits of whole foods and what they can do for us as a better quality of life.  
IG: healthygardenflavors

### **Elected Officials Report**

1. Senator Luis Sepulveda- Senator Sepulveda encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and wear masks. There has been an increase of cases and we must do everything to protect ourselves or there will be another major wave. Senator Sepulveda thanked CB9 for support and for the work being done in the community.
2. Daisy Nunez, Congressmember AOC- Ms. Nunez stated that they are working in person from Bronx satellite office located at 1973 Westchester Avenue. However, for the holidays they will be working on an adjusted holiday schedule. The house passed the national defense authorization act. The house also passed the protecting our democracy act. The vote on the billback better app will likely pass after the new year. FEMA extended deadline. The congressmember hosted a townhall today that was geared towards the middle school, high school, and college students. The congresswoman discussed the various programs and opportunities offered by the congressmembers office as well as working towards a safe and dignified future for our youth.
3. Kaitlyn McNamara, Senator Biaggi- Ms. McNamara shared legislative updates from the senator's office. Two of Senator Biaggi's bills was recently signed by the Governor, co-op residents can obtain reverse mortgages and pregnant incarcerated inmates to have one support person in the delivery room. Introduced new bill that would improve oversight for

the inspector general input appointment. The Senator joined on a letter to President Biden urging the extension of student loan repayment.

4. Christina Calderon, Bronx DA- Hosting a gun buyback this Saturday from 10am to 4pm. Daniel Porro asked Ms. Calderon to get a housing court judge to do a presentation. Ms. Calderon stated that ADM Alonzo reached out a while ago concerning housing court. Ms. Calderon stated that they deal with criminal court, but she did reach out to housing court and is still waiting on a response.
5. Justin Westbrook Lowery, AM Reyes Office- In preparation for the thanksgiving holiday season the Assemblymember gave away hundreds of turkeys throughout the district. AM Reyes has been visiting different schools throughout the district, seeing how students have been adjusting to in person learning and providing protective equipment. AM Reyes has been relaunching legislative efforts for things like a new deal for CUNY so that more funding can be put into the higher education system, free tuition for NYC resident attending the NYC CUNY system. Additionally, the AM has been pushing for more funding for the excluded workers fund, to help individuals and immigrants. There's been fair pay for homecare effort which the AM supports to help homecare workers who are taking care of the elderly in our communities. The AM office encourages everyone to get vaccinated and booster if eligible). AM office has been working with DSNY on sanitation issues.
6. Alexis Ruiz, Borough President Office- All new members should have received EEO form, please submit to Alexis. Within the next couple of weeks all Board Members will receive the next round of sexual harassment training.

### **Business Session**

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

- CB9 Staff and Committee Chairs will be meeting to discuss new year vision for committees
- Will be looking over Board Member attendance, some Board members are borderline. New board members have been assigned to committees but going to go over BM attendance to confirm assignments.
- There will be a toy drive for the holidays and the toys will dropped off to the pediatric emergency room
- There will be a toy drive on the 19<sup>th</sup>, The Yadira Arroyo toy drive at the park on Watson Avenue.

### **Committee Reports**

1. Executive Committee Minutes were submitted as is by Chair Brandon Ganaishlal
2. Youth & Education Committee Minutes were submitted as is by Chair Monique Farrington
3. Land & Zoning minutes were submitted as is by Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal
4. Parks & Recreation minutes were submitted as is by DM Rivera
5. Public Safety Minutes were submitted as is by Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal
6. Social Services minutes were submitted as is by Vice-Chair Doralina Colon.
7. NYCHA minutes were submitted as is by Vice-Chair Antionette Vereen

**Meeting adjourned: 7:50 PM**

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