

Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

# Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary March 4, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Juan Torres, Ray Melendez, Shante Chamblee, Brandon Ganaishlal, Chiene Joy Jones, Jorge Hurtado, Alizia McMyers,

## 1. Liquor License

A. South of France, SLA Renewal, Great community family style restaurant on the corner of Beach and Westchester Avenue that has been in the district for a very long time, they are always doing things by the book and CB9 has honored the owner several times. No objections from the board or NYPD to approval renewal. Committee Approved SLA Application.

#### 2. New Business

- A. Purple Heart County, CB9 is not a Purple Heart County and DM Rivera will contact the Borough President on behalf of Veterans and the community board to look into how this can be done this year. This initiative was started by Washington and is related to Veterans who have passed. By making the Bronx a Purple Heart County it would be a way to honor veterans who have passed.
- B. Street Activity Permits, the city is now accepting applications and CB9 needs to start reviewing the applications as they roll in. Once the applications are vetted, the committee approves them.

### 3. DM Update

- A. Office Update, Office looks great but the community board is still awaiting furniture and electronics.
- B. All Nations Food Distribution 2.27.21, Board Member Alizia McMyers volunteered for the day along with Assistant District Manager Alonzo to distribute 25 grocery bags to our Seniors Connected Seniors and 75 bags to the community at large in partnership with All Nations.
- C. CB9/Rap4Bronx Food Distribution, food and dairy is still being distributed to different pantries and organizations in the district
- D. BAFA, Bangladeshi Academy for Fine Arts, an organization based on Starling Ave. is hosting a virtual festival on April 11<sup>th</sup> in partnership with CB9
- E. Covid Testing, Testing will take place on Sat in front of ShopRite and Sunday on Starling Ave from 11am-12pm, additional sites may include Morrison and Soundview Ave as well as possibly Bruckner and Parkchester in the near future, eventually this will become a weekly occurrence.
- F. As per BM Juan Torres, has there been additional presence of drug use in the district, crack pipe located nearby? As per Captain, enforcement will be aggressive this summer. In addition, there has been car break-ins, drag racing of illegal dirt bikes in Clason Pt area. As per Captain, this area will be targeted.
- G. In reference to Explorers Program board members can contact <u>VictorDeJesus@nypd.org</u>. This program is for youths ages 13-18 and it meets weekly, in addition, participants attend events and are mentored by Police Coordinators.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32PM

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