



Chairman Brandon Ganaihlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

November 3, 2021

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, MD Alauddin, Alizia McMyers, Doralina Colon, Monique Farrington, Lenora Easter, Sharyn Brown, James Tynan, DM Rivera

1. Introduction Committee Description: The social service & housing committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, veterans and housing concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, New York City Housing Authority, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Disability Sub-Committee is under this committee.

2. Speakers/Presentations

A. Emily Lopez, Family Enrichment Center- Ms. Lopez spoke about the Family Enrichment Center which is a program funded by ACS and Ms. Lopez stated it would be great to have a location in the Soundview area. The Family Enrichment Center (the O.U.R place) is a home-like space where neighborhoods in Hunts Point/Longwood are able to connect, contribute to their community, find resources, learn, and share with others. FEC use a strength-based approach to planning that asks empowering questions and contributes to collaboration. Together community members discover the best for their communities, create a dream for the future, and design and walk a path to get there together. FEC is open to children, youth, and adults of all ages. Everyone is welcome to join the conversation, and contribute their hobbies, knowledge, and passion to their neighbors.

B. Rogier Van Vlissingen, Plant Based Nutrition- Mr. Van Vlissingen stated that he is working on a product introduction for a new generation air filter. The product will be introduced in December and Ms. Van Vlissingen will be doing presentations the end of the month at the Hunts Point showroom. DM Rivera is looking into putting this filter into the new CB9 office. The filter can be purchased for homes and helps with viruses. Mr. Van Vlissingen also stated that he is currently doing dinners at Nerab restaurant and if anyone is interested in whole food plant-based diet to contact him.

3. DM Report

- DM Rivera told BM Daniel Porro there was a package from DOHMH in office for him and BM Daniel Porro gave permission to DM Rivera to open the package
- DM Rivera stated that there will be a seniors connect potential thanksgiving Giveaway, will give details when and if confirmed
- A zoom call with CB9 staff and Mr. Porro will be scheduled, DM Rivera has some ideas for the disability community
- CB9 Trunk or Treat event was a success

- The new Board Members orientation was this past Friday
- CB9 new office should be ready by end of the year
- Regarding the letter to ShopRite, DM Rivera spoke to Amanda, currently waiting on acknowledgement from the store. DM Rivera stated he will speak to Amanda and the owner of ShopRite to at least get a response.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45pm

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