



## General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2022

**Present:** Ram Halder, Abunoman Rahman, Angel Martinez, Miriam Sanchez, Loretta Masterson, Jennifer Sayers, Lenora Easter, Mitchell Halpern, Monique Farrington, Daniel Porro, Sinade Wadsworth, Twywana Bush, Lena Johnson, Anne Johnson, Elizabeth Angeles, Alizia McMyer, Sadie Davis, Sharyn Brown, Ahmat Jallo, Md Alauddin, Jorge Hurtado, Wajied Hakim, Juan Torres, Chiene Joy Jones, Henry Pelayo, Doralina Colon

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

### Elected Officials Report

1. Senator Sepulveda stated that the session began, and he is fighting for a lot of money for our community. He is pushing to get as much money as he can for our schools, healthcare, affordable housing, and for economic development. There are a lot of good things happening as well, funds that want to be brought to protect tenants from eviction, to protect people from foreclosure, helping our workers, helping undocumented immigrants who are about to lose everything. The Senator stated that for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since he's been a legislator there is a healthy amount of money in terms of the budget. He is going to push for our neighborhoods, along with his colleagues and the assembly. They are working together to bring as much money into the community. On February 22, the Senator stated that they will be having free at home testing kit, working in partnership with Councilmember Salamanca and Borough President Vanessa Gibson. There will also be a food distribution at 749 Hunts Point Avenue. COVID numbers are better but not over, important thing is to get vaccinated/booster shots and continue to wear masks. There will be a toy giveaway soon. The Senator states he looks forward to seeing everyone in person. For additional assistance please call Senator Sepulveda's Office at 718-991-3161 and follow them on all social media. Senator Sepulveda stated to BM Porro that his staff will give him a call regarding his personal matter.
2. Daisy Nunez, Congress Member Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, the monthly Town Hall was held on Tuesday. The recording can be viewed on YouTube and Facebook. Aware of the recent increase in energy rates relating to utility bills, the Congresswoman signed on to a letter with Representative Carolyn Maloney calling for an investigation on this matter. New Yorkers can use New York City Free tax prep services. The IRS recommends filing electronically for faster diligent service. The office is currently working remotely and can be contacted at [ocasio-cortez.house.gov](mailto:ocasio-cortez.house.gov) or 718-662-5970.
3. Kaitlyn McNamara, Senator Biaggi, going to be losing CB9 due to redistricting but here till the rest of the year. Two of Senator Biaggi's bills have passed senate and going to assembly now. Which will allow to reduce health insurance premiums for participation in approved wellness programs and F410A which would establish a minority coordinating council on asthmatic affairs. Additionally, the Senator Biaggi joined colleagues in the

state legislator and a letter to CEO of Starbucks regarding employee's desire to unionize. Basically, stating that NYC is a union town and union busting has no place here.

4. Justin Westbrook Lowery, AM Reyes Office reported that the AM office have been circulating budget letters to highlight the different priorities that impact the different communities that make the Bronx and out State great. The AM is proud to be a leader on the new deal for CUNY, which is a budget ask, which would ensure that 537 Million dollars is invested in the system to make CUNY free. Additionally, the AM is a lead sponsor on issues related to excluded workers. The AM is fighting for the fair pay for home care, which would increase wages for home care workers. The AM office held a few distributions earlier in the month and a 45-minute fire safety training. If you need any assistance with constituent services, please contact 719-931-2620.
5. Cristina Calderon, Bronx DA, if you know a victim of crime, they can reach out to the crime unit at 718-590-2115
6. Tom Lucania, Bronx BP Office, announced the BMs that are up for reappointment, should have received application a few weeks ago. The BP is continuing to work with the families from the fire at twin park. Additionally, the BP held a Dominican heritage celebration, February 21<sup>st</sup> she will be holding Black History Month Celebration at Maestro's. Lastly, everyone is in budget season, will be having public hearing on NYC budget on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Note: Angel Martinez put motion to move to the business section, no objections.

### **Business Session**

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

- CB9 will be moved into the new office space with old furniture, will be getting new furniture in a few months.
- CB9 had a mask giveaway with Senator Biaggi's office at Castle Hill yesterday
- The office is going to share board member attendance every month with committee summary for each committee for transparency purposes and so that we can make ensure everyone has good attendance. Board Members are required to make 6 general board meetings and 6 committee meetings to meet satisfactory attendance.
- The office will also be conducting roll call at the beginning of every committee meeting and gathering next month's committee meeting agenda items in advance to be posted on the website for compliance.
- CB9 is looking to host a notary class for Board Members again this year

#### **Committee Reports**

1. Youth & Education Committee Minutes were submitted as is by Chair Monique Farrington.
2. Land & Zoning minutes were submitted as is by Vice-Chair Mitchell Halpern.
3. Parks & Recreation minutes were submitted as is by Chiene Jones.
4. Public Safety Minutes were submitted as is by DM Rivera.
5. Social Services minutes were submitted as is by Daniel Porro.
6. NYCHA minutes were submitted as is by Angel Martinez.

Note: Angel Martinez put motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Linda Soto.

**Meeting adjourned: 7:50PM**

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