



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Board Members Present: Angel Martinez, Lisa Diaz, Sadie Davis, Daniel Porro, Linda Soto, Sarwar Jahan, Brandson Ganaishlal, Doralina Colon, Elizabeth Angeles, Jennifer Sayers, Lenora Easter, Miriam Sanchez, Twywana Bush, Sharon Brown, Wajied Hakim, Monique Farrington, Abunoman Rahman, Alizia McMyers, Shantee Chamblee, Ram Halder, Lena Johnson, Mithcell Halpern, Anne Johnson, Kevin Kiernan, Isabelo Adames, Loretta Masterson, Chiene Jones, Henry Pelayo, Juan Torres

Meeting Start Time: 7:05pm

Note: The District Manager began the Public Session

Public Session

1. Stephen Williams, represents the accessible dispatch program. This program provides wheelchair accessible taxis throughout the 5 boroughs of New York City. It's not just for people in wheelchairs, it can be used for people who use scooters, walkers, and canes. The drivers are trained to properly secure vehicles. This service can be accessed through the app, 24-hour call center or the website. The fare is the exact fare as you would pay a regular taxi and the vehicle is large enough to hold a wheelchair, scooter, or walker. Mr. Williams will be emailing more information to CB9 tomorrow.

2. Alfred McDowell, New Path Horse Academy- Mr. McDowell stated that he went out and got petitions signed in support for New Path Horse Academy. Mr. McDowell asked how to move forward, and he is interested in location across from Pugsley Creek Park. DM Rivera advised Mr. McDowell to take petitions to office and this will be discussed further at the Parks Committee meeting in May.

3. Pastor Luis Alvies, Casa De La Fe- DM Rivera stated that Pastor Luis won't be able to stay for the duration of the meeting and the Board will be voting on the ULURP application later. Pastor Luis stated that Casa De La Fe has been serving the community for approximately 50 years, providing a safe place to worship to support one another. Pastor Luis stated that they are looking

for a way to rebuild the church for the next 50 years, while staying true to the mission to the community.

Note: ADM Alonzo conducted a roll call of Board Member present. Chairperson Brandon Ganishlal motioned to enter the business session.

Elected Officials Report

1. Congressmember AOC Office- Daisy Nunez stated that yesterday the Congressmember had their 2nd Town Hall in Queens. The Congressmember discussed advancement in addressing the climate crisis since the introduction of the Green New Deal resolution, 10 local green new deals have been introduced in places such as New York City, LA, Portland, and New Mexico. The congressmember office secured funding for over 300 students at Suny Maritime to train for Union Jobs and wind energy. The congressmembers office has also kicked off the congressional competition, high schoolers are invited to submit artwork for a chance to have it displayed in the U.S Capitol. The deadline to submit artwork is April 29th and 5pm.
2. Council Member Amanda Farias highlighted some events in district. CM Farias stated that her office partnered with CB9 for a shredding event and will be partnering again this Saturday for another shredding event in front of the CM office at 778 Castle Hill Avenue. The CM will also be in attendance tomorrow at co-sponsored event at the sapna iftar distributions with the congresswoman and the city comptroller. The CM stated that her office still has immigration every Thursday. Jason Santiago stated that movie under the stars will start in June. Also, looking to schedule a housing ambassador popup with Bronx Works next month.
3. Kaitlyn McNamara, Senator Biaggi, in celebration of earth day the senator's office will be launching a stop the waste campaign which will be focused on raising awareness about food waste and clothing waste. Planning at home testing distribution kits in the future if you know anyone that is interested in partnering reach out to Joanna. Will be honoring businesses in the district, so if anyone has recommendations for businesses in the district, please send information and the reason you are recommending them. For any questions or concerns please contact the office at (718) 822-2049 or at constituentservices@senatorbiaggi.com.
4. Justin Westbrook Lowery, AM Reyes office has held a few different events throughout the community with regard to Easter. The AM office partnered with CM Farias office to hold an Easter egg hunt at Castle Hill Houses where they were able to support hundreds of children and families. The AM office supported Stevenson commons at their annual Easter Egg Hunt. The AM office partnered with CM Farias office to host a women's history month event at Jimmy's Grand Café. In the past two weeks the AM office had the enactment of state budget, in this budget regarding housing 1.1 billion dollars allocated for the emergency rental assistance program and the landlord assistance program. 250 million for utility arrears, and 100 million dollars for housing our neighbors with dignity program. Some gains in the higher education sector with more money to close the tuition assistance program gap, increase, operating, support for more money for full time, additional faculty, and more funding for capital improvements. There were other things that didn't get in the state budget, like any operating support for excluded workers many of our undocumented and cash employees who are working and supporting our economy who are shut out of federal stimulus funds. Additionally, the state budget provided

60 Million dollars for a new Buffalo Bill stadium. Which is money that could have been well spent elsewhere. Those were some of the big and important reasons why the assemblywoman was concerned about the budget and voted no on 1 of the budget bills that included frivolous spending, like the 600 million for the stadium. Didn't include large increases for home care workers and didn't include the CUNY deal for, which would make it tuition free. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach the AM office at Justin's email: westbrookloweryj@nyassembly.gov
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5. Alinda Dowe, NYC Mayors Community Affairs Unit- Mayors Adams officially designated Juneteenth as a paid holiday and it goes into effect this year. This year it will be recognized on June 20th. Gifted and talented programs are expanding seats, there will be 100 kindergarten and 1000 3rd grade seats. There's also a new multi-agency initiative to bring services directly to New Yorkers and underserved communities that's going to be by way of a mobile unit that's going to be coming to different areas. There is a new commissioner for the Department of Sanitation Jessica Tish. There will be a summer boost and program which is going to provide approximately 25,000 kids who have fallen behind. 1000 Tablets were distributed 2 days ago with DFTA. There's a pilot program clean curbs which is a commercial waste expansion. Want to try to get containers instead of having garbage bags on the curb, want people to apply to the program where they can have containers versus garbage bags to hopefully reduce the rodents.
6. Greer, NYC Comptrollers Office Greer Mayhew, announced on Monday to kick off earth week the comptroller unveiled the NYC climate dashboard to highlight the city's progress and meet its goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050, dashboard tracks, key metrics on the New York city's energy, transition, emissions, pension fund investments and resiliency infrastructure. The database can be viewed on the comptroller website. There will be upcoming shred event series in the Bronx and Queens. Contact email: gmayhew@comptroller.nyc.gov or phone number: 929-512-1647.
7. Cristina Calderon, Bronx DA, Prom dress drive was a success over 350 dresses were donated and looking to do a suit drive. On Saturday, April 30th from 11AM to 3PM the DA's Office will be hosting their 5th Annual Child Safety Fair for young people ages 2-13 in the confines of the 40th precinct off 149 St and Jackson Avenue. All are welcome. The purpose of affair is to teach young people about different things that they may need to know about to stay safe. Ms. Calderon introduced Carlos crime prevention coordinator. Carlos introduced himself to the board. June is gun violence awareness month and will be hosting an event, flyer will be shared.
8. Alexis Ruiz, Bronx Borough President Office - The Borough President's declared April 11th to April 17th black maternal health week in the Bronx. and joined with birthing advocates and urging the state government to take immediate legislative action to address the high rates of black maternal mortality and morbidity in the borough. The BP office also held a press conference declaring April 18th as national transgender testing day to bring awareness to the high rates of hiv infection. Also, the relaunch of plus task force. So, if anyone is interested in participating within that task force, and being present for those

meetings, please send me an email. There will be a relaunch of Bronx week May 5th through May 15th. Flyers and emails will be going out.

District Manager's Report

-DM Rivera stated that the shredding event with CM Farias was a success and there will be another shredding event with CM Farias this weekend.

Business Session

ULURP Application # C220203ZMX, N220204ZRX - 1810 Randall Avenue Rezoning (Second Pentecostal Church of God La Hermosa (Casa de la Fe) & Vertical Community Development Group LLC)- Presentation was emailed.

A presentation was given to the board in reference to a proposed development at 1810 Randall Avenue (this project was also presented to CB9 a few years ago before the pandemic, with no objections from the committee). This development will be an 8 story, mixed use residential and community development. Approximately 86,951 square foot of residential floor area, approximately 167 senior affordable housing units and 16 accessory parking spaces. There will also be a new and improved house of worship and community center for Casa de la Fe church. The board, DM Rivera, engaged in additional questions and answers.

*Mitchell Halpern drafted motion for ULURP Application # C220203ZMX, N220204ZRX - 1810 Randall Avenue Rezoning (Second Pentecostal Church of God La Hermosa (Casa de la Fe) & Vertical Community Development Group LLC). Motion was seconded by BM Juan Torres. 29 board members voted in favor of this project.

Committee Reports

1. Youth & Education Committee Minutes were submitted as is by Chair Monique Farrington.
2. Land & Zoning minutes were submitted as is by new Chair Mitchell Halpern.
3. Parks & Recreation minutes were submitted as is by Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal.
4. Public Safety Minutes were submitted as is by new Chair Shante Chamblee.
5. Social Services minutes were submitted as is by Chair Daniel Porro.
6. NYCHA minutes were submitted as is by Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal.

Meeting adjourned: 8:39PM

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