



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

March 1, 2022

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Doralina Colon, James Tynan, Monique Farrington, Md Allaudin, Sharyn Brown, Linda Soto, Shante Chamblee, Alizia McMyers

I. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

B. 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.

II. Speakers

A. ShopRite Store Manager

Amanda Fischer - Marketing, Business Development & Outreach Manager

Marlon Valle - Store Manager of Bruckner ShopRite

Director of Customer Experience

- Shortage of cashiers in ShopRite is due to challenges with limited personnel, this new model of electronic cashiers is created to produce a small footprint. In addition, all attendants are trained to be cashiers if needed. As per ShopRite there are retailers who are going 100% this model for the same reasons.
- Deliveries can be made directly from ShopRite via a 3rd party vendor by downloading the app or via a desktop computer from the ShopRite website and selecting the Bruckner store: <https://preview.shoprite.com/sm/pickup/rsid/3000/>
- As per committee, there needs training for people with challenges who are not computer savvy and cannot stand on line as per. As per ShopRite, attendants are available to help residents in need, however, additional training will take place for staff regarding how to interact with people with disabilities that need special assistance.
- Request for seating outside of ShopRite to be returned for people with disabilities/seniors that require seating while waiting for their mode of transportation
- The committee vice chair inquired regarding the use of the community room. As per Shop Rite they are still being very cautious and this request is still being reviewed.

B. United Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State, Group Home at 1218 Boynton Avene

Theresa Manuel, Vice President of New Initiatives and Maria Willis, Community and Gov't Liaison presented on behalf of the United Cerebral Palsy Association and look forward to working collaboratively with the community as a way to embrace community and have participants integrate with the community

- This organization helps all New Yorkers, primarily people with intellectual disabilities and cerebral palsy. They manage group homes not only in NYC but also in all neighboring counties.
- In the Bronx Group Homes currently exist in the East Bronx, Castle Hill, Soundview and Pelham Pkway
- This organization has a program center in West Farms where people can go during the day and learn skills to work with the community.
- For group home participants, staff accompanies them 24/7
- The program also has a population that is high functioning with the help of staff, they live independently
- The average age of group homes participants is from youth to adulthood, 18-24 years old for the group home being proposed for 4 single, young men.
- This group home will serve the most medically frail members of the community, non-verbal, not fully mobile, etc. and staffed 24/7
- This program is funded under the stat OPWD, the state needs CB9 approval of group home due to over saturation in CB9
- The committee opted for a GB vote on this proposal

III. New Business

A. Rogier van Vlissingen, Plan Based Diet

Event link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dinner-with-fr-david-tickets-288899144117?aff=ebdssbdestsearch> for Neerob Restaurant Tuesday the 8th on Starling Ave at 9pm. 3rd year anniversary of Plant Powered Metro NY to come!

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