



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

March 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Daniel Porro, Linda Soto, Sharyn Brown, James Tynan, Lena Johnson, Julio Quinones, Chandra Moore

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.

I. Speakers

- **Council Member Amanda Farias-** CM Amanda Farias was able to secure and deliver over 14.375 million in capital and 1.4 million in discretionary funding. 49% was dedicated to support housing projects and renovations, 31% to support the infrastructure of our schools and libraries, and 17% to make sure our firehouses have generators and renovated kitchens. Discretionary funding solely been focused on supporting nonprofits, programming schools, community centers, senior centers. The CM spent almost 19% solely on ensuring that programming and services are available for people of all ages. Investments were made to increase public safety and young people's access to, after school programs. Thanks to the speaker Adrian Adams the CM was able to allocate over 100,000 dollars to community safety programming to help reduce crime, long and short term while strengthening our communities, this included 25,000 dollars to Jacobi, stand up to violence program, which has already reduced the rates of gun violence in crime in the 43rd pct. The 2nd round of participatory budgeting this year, delegates have chosen 10 projects to be on the ballot. Included ideas are security cameras at some of our nature campuses, repaving Hugh Grant circle, renovating some school auditoriums and a lot More. BM Daniel Porro brought up some hra and housing issues to the CM and she advised him to reach out to her office. The CM also encouraged members to utilize 311 and reach out to her office with those numbers as a way of tracking.
- **Kenneth Charles, Dept of Social Services-** Mr. Charles shared the services hra offers. He also gave his contact information to the committee members to reach out with any questions. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/hra/help/i-need-help.page>

- **Marie-Pierre Guiraud, Catholic Guardian Services - Parenting Resource Center- FREE Prenatal & Parenting Classes & FREE Crib Info-** Ms. Guirad talked about parenting resources. Catholic Guardian Services offers prenatal classes for, women's health, safe sleep, breastfeeding, toxic stress, and trauma. There are parenting support programs, incredible years, which helps parents meet their child's socio-emotional needs. The next support program is parenting journey which helps parents make informed decisions in raising their children. (Flyers were emailed).

II. New Business

- **CEC / MOPD Accessibility Workshops for Community Boards-** This was emailed to all Board Members
- **Postpartum Resources:**
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/post-partum-depression.page>
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/health-topics/nurse-family-partnership.page>
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/health/neighborhood-health/healthy-start-brooklyn.page>

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