



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

February 7, 2022

Board Member Present: Alizia McMyers, Daniel Porro, Chandra Moore, Lena Johnson, Md Alauddin, Julio Quinones Jr., James Tynan, Miriam Sanchez

I. Introduction

- A. Committee Description:** The social service 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. New Business

A. Social Services Chair's Letter to Elected Officials

- As per Committee Chair, there are several issues that need to be addressed regarding the efficacy of various city agencies. These were addressed in his letter to local elected officials in the district.
- DM Rivera invited CM Farias to attend the March committee meeting to address some of the issues raised in the letter the Committee Chair drafted. The Council Member will also be a presenter at February's Seniors Connected Meeting.
- CB9 to forward the letter to the BP's Office as per the Committee Chair
- NYCHA's service phone number makes you wait for an hr (sometimes up to 3 hrs) or more to for a work order number
- There is a need for postpartum resources for minority women, CB9 looking into a speaker that can share resources and information regarding this topic
- Funding request for technological support for seniors and people with disabilities
- CB9 to invite AM Burgos to speak at our upcoming GB Meeting regarding ConEd's proposed gas pipeline
- Senior centers have people on staff that can help seniors apply to SNAP and other HRA benefits
- CB9 to draft a list of senior centers in the district with times and locations for our seniors

B. March Agenda Items

- Several agencies have been invited to attend future Social Services Committee Meetings, some of these include: Disability Rights. The Attorney General's Office, the

Public Advocate's Office, the Social Security Administration, the Department of Social Services, and the Mayor's Office of Community Affairs.

- Follow-up on status of Veteran Resources and Veterans Sub-Committee
- As per Committee Chair, CB9 to let BP's Office know the Social Security Administration is not coming to the Bronx
- Request for 311 contact to attend future committee meeting. As per DM Rivera, CB9 will contact Mayor's Office for this request.
- Request for HRA contact to attend future committee meeting to address inquiries such as: locations of service centers, is where you live where you have to go? why can't we use HRA Office on Lafayette Ave?

Access HRA is a resource that can now be used for those that are technologically able

https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/hra/ACCESSHRA/pdf/announcements/welcome_english.pdf

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wBpCe48zr6w>

- Status update regarding BX22 in Parkchester, route is not being moved.

III. DM Update

- A. Office vendor finished TV & Networking, awaiting projector screens and computers, the entire office should be completed in 1-2 months
- B. There was a fire fatality last week and 2 fires this week, one was possible arson that is still being investigated
- C. The 43rd Pct has a new Commanding Officer

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