



## **General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Present:** Abunoman Rahman, Benigno Cuevas, Brandon Ganaishlal, Cruz Garcia, Daniel Porro III, Felipa Manaiza, Hanna Godinez, Harry Dunlap, Henry Pelayo Jr., Isabelo Adames, Jaime Feliberty, Jame Tynan, Jennifer Ellison Lackard, Juan Torres, Justin Westbrook-Lowery, Kadesha Washington, Lisa Diaz, Mohammad Mujumder, Nelson Peralta, Nicolas Himidian Jr., Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Sarwar Jahan, Sharan Fernandez, Venus Williams, William Rivera (DM)

**Absent:** Angel Martinez, Carla Singleton, Cleneth Dais, Linda Brown, Loretta Masterson, Nicole Washington,

**Meeting Start Time:** 7:00pm

**Note:** The Chairperson asked the audience to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

### **Public Session**

**1. Mr. Scott M. Stringer**, NYC Comptroller, was the first guest speaker. District manager William Rivera addressed the Comptroller and brought up the issue that despite having different workloads and populations, all the Boards in the City have the same budget. Mr. Rivera asked if its possible to adjust budgets based on population or to further increase the budget for solely Community Board #9. The Comptroller stated that this is an issue that needs to be brought up at the Budget Consultations. He added that it's imperative for the City to use the NYC planning fellows to do efficient work.

**2. Ms. Ayesha Green**, from the Bronx District Attorney's Office, was the second guest speaker. Ms. Green announced that her office has partnered with Bronx Community Solutions and the NYPD to create a new program. The program is intended to find alternatives to incarceration.

**3. Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder**, a Board Member, was the third guest speaker. Mr. Mujumder announced a peace rally/appreciation walk on December 5<sup>th</sup> at 12pm. It starts at the Parkchester Train Station and ends at the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. The reason for the walk is to show appreciation to the precinct for all their hard work and doing all they can to keep the community safe.

**4. Mr. Manuel Lopez** was the fourth guest speaker.

**Note:** The speaker was not present at the meeting. The Chairperson moved on to the next guest speaker.

**5. Mr. Lothar Krause** was the fifth guest speaker.

**Note:** At this time, Lothar Krause and residents from Caesar Place (St. Andrew's Village Tenant's Association) addressed the Board and announced that one of the residents on the block had created a non-for-profit program in their home and are testing out a pilot program with persons who have recently come out of jail and are being reintroduced into society. The residents of the block are very concerned with Public safety, property value being affected, and that this was able to happen without the Board's knowledge. Many Board members assured the residents that the Board will investigate and get factual data and proof of the non-for-profit and call a Public Hearing with both parties to come up with a solution.

### **Elected Officials Report**

**1. Mr. Andy Toledo**, from the Borough President's Office, was the first representative speaker. Mr. Toledo announced that applications to become a Board Member are being accepted. He gave a brief summary of the process and said that candidates will be chose and announced sometime in March or April.

**2. Mr. Andy Sales**, from Senator Jeffrey D. Klein's Office, was the second representative speaker. Mr. Sales introduced the new District Director for Community Affairs.

**3. Ms. Onelis Ramirez**, from Assemblyman Marcos Crespo's Office, was the third representative speaker. Ms. Ramirez announced that with the help of DOT and Councilmember Annabel Palma's Office they were able to clean up one of the overpasses in the district. She also announced that there was a traffic light on Colgate Avenue that was approved and active. The other traffic light on Wheeler Avenue is still pending.

**4. Ms. Ibrahim Shatar** from Assemblyman Luis Sepulveda's office, was the fourth representative speaker. The Assemblyman has reached out to several different agencies in regards to Transitional housing. On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the Assemblyman and staff hosted the Department of Sanitation for a turkey giveaway. On November 25<sup>th</sup>, they will host a meal giveaway from 1:30-2:30 at the office.

**5. Ms. Jessica Reynoso**, from the New York Public Advocate's Office, was the fifth representative speaker.

**Note:** The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to go into the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

### **Business Session**

**Note:** The Chairperson motioned to approve the October 2017 General Board Meeting Minutes. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

### **Chairperson's Report**

The Chairperson thanked Mr. Nelson Peralta and Ms. Jennifer Ellison Lackard for their help and contributions for Seniors Connected. The Chairperson announced the Annual Toy Drive is coming up. Lastly, the Chairperson invited Board Members to the next Executive and Operations Committee that will have Mr. Thomas Lucania as a special guest.

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

The District Manager addressed the issue with St. Andrews Village. He announced that he received calls from different agencies if he was aware of the situation. He added that he made calls to other city agencies to get more information. He informed the residents of St. Andrews Village of what the Community board is, what they do, and what powers they have. He ended by saying that he will find any violation the home may have.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **1. Land and Zoning Committee – Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder, Chairperson**

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

#### **2. Operations/Executive Committee – Mr. Nicholas Himidian Jr., Chairperson**

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

#### **3. Parks Committee – Mr. Jaime Feliberty**

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

**Note:** Mr. Feliberty announced that the Friends of Soundview Park will be having their annual Meet and Greet Fundraiser event on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Brandon Ganaishlal, Chairperson**

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

#### **5. Social Services & Housing Committee – Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Chairperson**

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

**Note:** Ms. Ordonez-Jenkins announced the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mental Health Fair on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Promised Land Covenant Church at 80 Hugh Grant Circle.

#### **6. Youth and Education Committee – Ms. Venus Williams., Chairperson**

**Note:** The report was tabled. Minutes were submitted as is.

**Note:** Ms. Williams announced that the Toy Drive will end on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Board members are required to bring 1 toy. She added that residents can drop off toys at the Board Office. The Coat Drive will end on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business**

The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to adjourn the General Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

**Note: Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm**