



**Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera**

## **NYCHA Committee Meeting Summary**

**Committee Chair: Nicholas Himidian, Jr**

**October 4, 2019**

**Board Members Present:** Daniel Porro, Sharan Fernandez, Antionette Vereen, Nicholas Himidian, DM Rivera

**Board Members Not Present:** Cruz Garcia, Steven Ochoa

### **Speakers/Presentation**

- **Daniel Porro- Potential workshop on housing tenant right issues**
  - BM Daniel Porro stated that he went to the NYC Alliance Public Housing meeting in the city and there are a lot of people with housing issues. The purpose of this meeting was to make changes for NYCHA buildings. Mr. Porro also stated that this meeting addresses all issues that are seen in the news in regards to NYCHA buildings, such as heat, hot water, elevator issues, mold, rats, roaches, etc. This meeting will happen quarterly. Mr. Porro gave material from this meeting to the Chairman and DM.
  - Daniel Porro stated that the organization “Palante” should be invited to CB9 because they are very helpful and give informative resources/help and addresses problems with housing.
  - Board Member Nicholas Himidian stated if a workshop was to be done a school will be needed. Ms. Roxanne Rodriguez from “CASA Kids” stated that she has space at Boynton Avenue (The Beacon), Bronx River Community Center and in Dykeman. Ms. Rodriguez stated that the space is available Monday through Friday from 2-8PM and Saturdays from 8:30-2PM. The OK is needed from the Principal but this isn’t an issue.
  - Mr. Himidian stated that the agenda can be looked over to see what to target for the first workshop and to go to NYCHA TA’s in the community and talk about the workshop, share agenda and ask/take suggestions for issues/concerns to add-on.
  - Mr. Himidian stated that maybe later on he’s thinking about doing a large NYCHA conference for the local community, where people from all housing can come together to discuss all concerns/issues. This conference can also serve to let residents know we will work as hard as we can to get them what they want. Also, to have a conversation about tenants’ rights.

- Announcement- HPD Mobile Outreach on October 15, 2019, from 11-3PM at 1620 Bruckner Boulevard.
- The committee and meeting attendees also discussed how the first workshop should be structured (agenda, sponsors for food, etc.)
- The committee and meeting attendees discussed all the NYCHA needs/issues and discussed the need for help from Elected Officials. Also, the committee discussed the need for the health department to get involved and then turn it into a forum.

### **DM Update**

- DM Rivera stated that the community is happy about the NYCHA committee.
- DM Rivera stated that the office move is going, construction hasn't started yet but the permits were received
- DM Rivera stated that the proposed shelter at 1600 Randall Avenue, will be coming to social services in November. The shelter is supposed to be a family shelter
- DM Rivera stated that the new Board Members will be finalized in committees soon

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM**

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