



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Present: Abunoman Rahman, Angel Martinez, Ahmat Jallo, Antionette Vereen, Beverly Roberts, Brandon Ganaishlal, Cesar Pagan, Daniel Porro III, Denisha Lopez, Doralina Colon, Elizabeth Angeles, Felipa Manaiza, Henry Pelayo Jr., James Tynan, Joy Nicole Thomas, Juan Torres, Kwabena Gabay, Louise Marchena, Lisa Diaz, Mitchell Halpern, Monique Farrington, Mohammad Mujumder, Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Rosa Gomez, Shante Chamblee, Sharyn Brown, Steven Ochoa, Twywana Bush, Victor Cordero, William Rivera (DM)

Not Present: Benigno Cuevas, Cruz Garcia, Isabelo Adames, Kevin Kiernan, Marisol Cordero, Nicholas Himidian Jr., Sarwar Jahan, Sharan Fernandez, Sinade Wadsworth

Meeting Start Time: 7:05pm

Note: The Chairperson asked the audience to stand for the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Note: The Chairperson entered into the Public Session.

Public Session

1. Commanding Officer of the 43rd Precinct, Benjamin Gurley discussed the crime statistics in our community. He also mentioned that they are towing the trucks that are taking up parking spaces.
2. Captain Ramsey thanked CB9 for all we do and thanked DM Rivera for helping with National Night Out.
3. Chief of CERT Khalil Abdul gave an overview of the program.

Business Session

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

1. Josue Melendez from Councilman Rafael Salamanca's office, announced for everyone who has heat complaints to reach out to 311. Mr. Melendez also announced that this will be his last meeting at CB9.
2. Destiny Cruz, from Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio Cortez office, stated that last month the Congress woman hosted a town hall in queens and next month they will have one in Pelham Bay. Ms. Cruz stated that they are now accepting service academy nominations. She also stated that there is an "App Challenge" for middle school and high school students to enter they can visit their website.
3. Ramon from Congressman Jose Serrano's office stated they have a census hiring event on November 15th.
4. Daniel Guerro from Senator Luis Sepulveda's office stated that the Senator will be holding a Bronx Tax Forum on Wednesday October 30, at 1930 Randall Avenue.
5. Carolina Santos from Assembly Member Crespo's Office stated the Assembly Member and DOT are working together to address cracked and unleveled sidewalks, lighting, as well as over passes and underpasses.
6. Justin Westbrook Lowery from Assembly Member Karines Reyes stated yesterday, October 16 they hosted a Housing Fair at Holy Family and provided tenants with information regarding housing issues, this was with the help of Senator Sepulveda and Senator Biaggi's office. An elevator will be funded to add to the Parkchester subway, October is Domestic Violence awareness month. Assembly Member Reyes introduced 3 bills for domestic violence in NY and Saturday Castle Hill library will host "Know Your Rights" Event.
7. Christina Calderon from the Bronx DA's Office Community Affairs Department spoke about upcoming events in October such as the 5k run, walk or roll to bring awareness to Domestic Violence which will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 9:30am-12:30pm rain or shine. To participate, fill out forms distributed, QR scanner can be used to register, this is a free event. In addition, the DA is hosting another chance event at the 41st precinct on October 26th on 941 Rev James A Polite, the event is open to everyone, and the purpose of this event is to resolve open summons/warrants free of charge. It is open to everyone within the 5 boroughs. In addition, at this event the DA's Office will be informing the public about the new marijuana laws and expungement as well as the sealing statue.
8. Antirson Ortiz, Comptroller's Office, over 40% percent of teachers left the system. There is no reason why teachers should leave the neighborhood where they come from. There are also children that are not receiving child care services. The comptroller wants to propose free child care for children under 3 years old.
9. Tom Lucania, Bronx BP office, reminded new Board Members that orientation will take place the 21st of October at Lehman College.

Chairperson's Report

- New board member orientation October 21st at Lehman College.
- All board members and new board members should have received committees they are assigned to via email
- BMs should get into contact with cb9 staff for sexual harassment training, deadline is December 14, 2019

District Manager's Report

- Thanked the CERT Chief for coming to CB9. Mandated staff and himself to be apart. Can sign up online.
- Dinner November 1st, you can bring a guest. Smaller dinner than usual. Moving forward the dinner will be the end of the fiscal year in June.
- CB9 will move into the renovated office space soon since construction permit has already been awarded. Hopefully by the end of the year, we will have a new office and new office opening.
- Summary meetings are going well. Eventually General Board packets will be sent out much earlier and will be emailed to save paper.
- 800 and 850 Zerega Avenue building brand new structure with 3 garages in it CB 9, 10, 11. Design will be emailed to all Board Members.
- BM Kwabena Gabay stated that EDC discussed the improvements for Clason Point. The construction should be 3-4 weeks and start early 2020. Basic Q&A. Letter of support is needed.

Committee Reports

1. Youth & Education Committee Minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Cesar Pagan
2. Land & Zoning minutes were tabled and submitted as is by chair Mohammed Mujumder.
3. Parks minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Kwabena Gabay.
4. Public Safety Minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Brandon Ganaishlal.
5. Social Services minutes were tabled and submitted as is by Chair Daniel Porro.

Meeting adjourned: 8:15 PM

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