



Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4th, 2019

Board Members Present: James Tynan, Daniel Porro, Angel Martinez, William Rivera (DM)

Board Members Not Present: Rosemary Ordonez- Jenkins Chair of Committee, Doralina Colon, Sarwar Jahan

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Attendees of meeting introduced themselves.

- **Introduction**

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.

Speakers/Presentations

A. Luisa Ferreras, Project Rising (Flyers Attached) – Ms. Ferreras talked about “Project Rising”, which is a free program located at 1510 Waters Place. This Program works with young people dealing with substance abuse, Project Rising helps so an addiction won't be developed. Also, this program helps young people get connected with resources in the community. DM Rivera recommended to Ms. Ferreras to attend the CEC meetings.

B. Mariela Salazar, Montefiore Health System – Ms. Salazar stated the Government Community Relations is working on a Town Hall, that is schedule for June 18th from 6 pm- 8 pm, at the Morris Park Community Association (1824 Bronxdale Avenue). Ms. Salazar stated that they are trying to educate the community on different healthcare setting such as emergency rooms, urgent cares, primary care physicians etc. and what to expect when you get to them. Ms. Salazar also stated that they have a partnership with CityMD and if you go to a center in the Bronx or Westchester they will make out your referral to Montefiore. Once the flyer is made for this Town Hall Ms. Salazar will send it out.

New Business

Bronx DD Council Family – DM Rivera stated that he will contact the Bronx DD Council Family to come to the next meeting in September.

DM Report

2008 Westchester Proposed Shelter Update- DM Rivera stated that he is waiting on a response from the HRA commissioner, hopefully a response is made before the General Board meeting. DM Rivera also stated that depending on the response then the Board will discuss the tone of the next letter.

Announcements/Complaints

- Board Member James Tynan spoke about speeding on Leland Avenue between Gildersleeve and O'Brien Avenue. Mr. Tynan requested a speed hump in this area.
- There will be a rally June 8th, 2019 from 3 pm- 5 pm at Virginia Park to protest against the proposed shelter at 2008 Westchester Avenue. (Flyer Attached)
- The Disability Parade will be on Sunday July 14th (Flyer Attached)

Meeting Adjourned: 7:52 PM.

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