



## **Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**Board Members Present:** Rosemary Ordonez- Jenkins Chair of Committee, Daniel Porro, Angel Martinez, James Tynan, Sarwar Jahan, William Rivera (DM)

**Board Members Excused:** Doralina Colon

**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 Subcommittee is under this committee.*

### **Speakers**

**Kyle McLean-** Puzzlelife.voice

Mr. McLean stated that Puzzlelife.voice represents Autism acceptance. Mr. McLean began talking about the proposed space for the sensory park on Thieriot Avenue, he stated that this isn't a good location for the sensory park and the children shouldn't be hidden, and there also isn't a place for ambulette drop off. Mr. McLean also stated that 37% of kids with autism needs are in District 9 and is asking for the Bronx to do good for kids with special needs. DM Rivera stated that CB9 wants to support the sensory park and will put in District needs statement. Mr. Mclean stated that better programs are needed to adjust special needs children to the real world and there aren't not enough sensory gyms in the public schools either. Board Member Daniel Porro stated that Chris Noel is the chair of ADA compliance and he may be able to help out with the park. DM Rivera stated he will bring up Chris Noel when he speaks to Parks.

\*Mr. McLean announced that on May 8th Six flags will be going sensory for a whole day.

**Angel Vita** – ShopRite Dietician announced the following:

- Cooking 101 class
  - Easter egg scavenger hunt
- \*Calendar Attached**

## **Senior Symposium**

- Setup will begin 8:30-9 with the DJ and vendors
- The moderator will be Rev. Hargrave
- BM Linda Brown will welcome the guests
- Pastor Kwame will do the opening prayer
- After the opening prayer the seniors will be able to obtain information from the tables
- List of vendors
  - Phipps Neighborhoods
  - Montefiore
  - HRA
  - United HealthCare
  - Soundview Library
  - DFTA
  - Bronx Works
- Organizations will share tables due to space
- Continental breakfast will be provided by Jimmy's Grand Café (there will be a table cloth for the food area)
- Keynote speaker will be Dr. Martha Sullivan who has a background in Social work
- Honorees will be:
  - Mily Garcia
  - Barbara Johnson
  - Rev. Dr. Oliver
- There will be a presentation by the clinical staff from Montefiore
- Benediction will be done by Rev. Dr. Oliver
- Rev. Hargrave will do the closing
- Setup can be done the night before by the CB9 staff if ShopRite doesn't have any meetings.

## **DM Report**

DM Rivera stated the following in regards to the proposed Shelter at 2008 Westchester Avenue

- There will be notes for everyone from the 2008 Westchester Avenue shelter meeting that happened on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- A Public Town Hall will be on April 12<sup>th</sup> at St.Helenas church at 6:30 P.M.
  - DHS will not be in attendance
  - There will be an agenda
  - The public will be given all the facts and their input will be documented
- May 7<sup>th</sup> Samaritan village will do a presentation at the Social Services meeting
- DHS will be coming to April's General Board meeting
- Community Board 9 will have 9 shelters when 2008 Westchester Avenue opens

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.**

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