



Social Services & Housing Committee Meeting **Minutes**

April 3rd, 2018

Board Members Present: Rosemary Ordonez- Jenkins Chair of Committee, Justin Westbrook Lowery Vice-Chair of Committee, Daniel Porro, Loretta Masterson, James Tynan, Angel Martinez, William Rivera (DM)

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.

Senior Symposium

- April 20th, 2018 10 A.M at Sotomayor
- 4 honorees including Lucille Gantt and Rogier there will be 2 other honorees. A suggestion came up for Aurelia Greene (previous Deputy Borough President) to say a few words at the symposium and be one of the honorees as well.
- The program will start off with a prayer, Rev. Hargrave says he will get Minister Kwame Thompson. After the prayer then keynote speaker will speak. Rev. Hargrave asked if William (DM) can get Rev. Diaz to be the keynote speaker. When the keynote speaker is done there will be greetings from Elected Officials and then the program will go into the awards.
- William (DM) stated he will take care of the food.
- Rosemary said flyers went back out to get additional agencies
- A health insurance plan is donating the DJ
- Justin said that the 43rd precinct has chairs and they should be asked to borrow some. Rev. Hargrave said he will ask Aurora about the chairs. The committee also discussed that Sotomayor has chairs.
- Another health insurance asked to contribute massages again and possibly a manicurist.
- Rosemary will ask for Phipps to pick up napkins, plates, forks etc.
- There is 7 cases of water left. All that's needed is coffee and/or orange juice to go with the breakfast.

- Rosemary states during the program she wants Rogier to talk briefly about the Plant Based nutrition.

Plant Based Initiative Update

Rogier announced that there will be another movie viewing on Thursday “Eating you alive”. Rogier also spoke about a meeting he attended with the Brooklyn Borough President. He spoke at a school in the Bronx, proposing to take processed meats out the schools lunches. Processed meats are as bad as tobacco. Rogier circulated this information. Rogier urges everyone to please go to the website and vote for this law, to remove processed meats from school lunches.

DM Update

- Rent is paid in full
- Service requests have a few that are opened. The office receives service requests by phone, email or walk-ins.
- 43rd precinct night life meeting went well. William (DM) was a speaker at the meeting. Rosemary asked DM if Board members can attend this meeting. DM said yes Board members can attend this meeting.
- 43rd precinct breakfast was this morning
- New Councilmember Diaz is taking CB9’s budget request seriously
- Office will be renovated this summer and will be in a temporary location until finished
- New full timer Loretta is doing very well. The office now has 3 full timers William (DM), Shirley and Loretta.
- The office has 2 college aides that work 10-14 hours a week
- Shop rite groundbreaking will be probably April 17th
- Rosemary states that there is work being done in Parkchester and ask if there’s a way to do this without closing off all streets at once. William (DM) said they won’t section off unless there is many complaints beforehand. Signs are supposed to be there before to inform residents.
- Rosemary asked about Golden Corral and says there is a whole bunch of graffiti. DM stated that there is no update on it so far but he will try to find out there contact information and get more information. Danny Porro stated the golden corral is boarded up with plywood. Rosemary states she wants to know about Golden Corral in regards to employment opportunities for the community.
- Justin Westbrook-Lowery said if CB9 can please talk to DSNY because on Thursday they went down Wood Avenue near Taylor Avenue to get to Beach Avenue in the opposite direction of traffic. Then they went through the overpass to get the other side of the expressway. Justin said he took pictures and William told him to email the pictures to him.
- Rosemary spoke about getting speedbumps at Parkchester due to many accidents lately. The committee discussed that since it’s a bus zone speedbumps can’t be put there.
- Daniel Porro talks about information he got from Richard Brodi (attached). Danny also mentions wanting to table at Bronx Week, at the festival on Mosholu parkway

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40 P.M.

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