



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

## Social Services Committee Minutes

**September 3, 2019**

**Interim Chair:** Daniel Porro

**Board Members Present:** Daniel Porro, Sarwar Jahan, Antoinette Vereen, DM Rivera

**Board Members Not Present:** Doralina Colon, James Tynan,

**Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM**

- **Introduction**

A. 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. Rogier Van Vlissingen- Mr. Van Vlissingen talked about a program that collaborates with doctors in Manhattan. This program will offer trainings on plant based diets. Mr. Van Vlissingen also gave out 3 flyers (attached). All of the flyers will be included in the CB9 weekly bulletin because the dates for the events are before the General Board meeting.

1. Plant Powered Metro NY
2. "The Game Changer", global premiere
3. "A prayer for compassion, community film screening.

- **New Business**

A. Mental Health & Disability Event

1. Board Member Daniel Porro expressed the needs for a mental health and disability event in the community. Mr. Porro also stated that he wants ideas from the community and clinics are needed as well.
2. DM Rivera gave the number 1-888-NYC-WELL, this number is a 24 hour line. Mr. Rivera also suggested October 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> for the mental health event, possibly in the Oval at Parkchester. DM Rivera stated that he will speak to Montefiore and other

agencies to see if they can table at this event. Mr. Porro stated that a Saturday will be better to do this event.

**B. Amber Alert/Local Library Lock Down**

1. BM Daniel Porro stated that he wants libraries to lockdown when there is an amber alert and to keep the libraries locked down until the police show up. Mr. Porro also stated he would like to know the protocol for schools, daycares and libraries when there is an amber alert adjacent to these facilities. DM Rivera stated that when there is an amber alert descriptions are sent out and the school safety sergeants are notified. DM Rivera also stated he will speak to the NYPD. As per DM Rivera Amber Alerts occur when a child is being taken by a parent or someone else that is not authorized to have this child.

**C. Workshop on Housing Tenants Rights/Issues**

1. BM Daniel Porro stated that he went to a conference on housing at City College and there are a lot of people with housing issues. Mr. Porro also stated that he received information from this conference and DM Rivera asked Mr. Porro for a copy of the information.

- **Resources (Attached)**

- A. Neighborhood Shopp
- B. Bronx Neighborhood Housing Services CDC, Inc
- C. NY Connects

- **DM Report**

- A. Proposed shelter 2008 Westchester Ave. - An answer was never received in reference to letter sent out asking how many single male live in the district. A generic response was received from the Mayor in regards to the shelter. DM Rivera stated that he will speak about this at the General Board meeting and talk about it with Elected Officials and discuss how to move forward.
- B. 1900 Randall Ave. – This is another shelter coming to the district but it will be for mothers and their children. It will be 99 units. DM Rivera will have the shelter come back to give more information.
- C. DM Rivera talked about reforming minutes and doing bullet points. Mr. Rivera mentioned designating someone in committee to take minutes and stick to the agenda. For the next couple of month's staff members from CB9 will attend meetings to help on how the minutes should be done.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 PM**

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