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General Board Meeting Minutes

October 24th, 2024

Attendance: *Clarisa Alayeto, Ngande Ambroise, Zion Baldwin, Robert Barnes, Maura Cosme, Christina Cover, Audrey Dejesus, Jacqueline Dejesus, Naicha Diaby, Linda Duke, Josephine Fernandez-Byrne, Ramona Ferreyra, Brenda Goodwin, Christine Licata, Sonyi Lopez, Leslie Lopez Hernandez, Paola Martinez, Dalourny Nemorin, Argelia Ortiz, Emmanuel Pardilla, Marilyn Peña, Rosa Pinero, Joyce Pulphus, Claudia Rahman, Jose Rodriguez, Mohammed Sheikh, Patricia Simpson, Cesar Yoc*

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Approval of Agenda and Public Speaking Session

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto calls for a motion to approve the agenda, which is seconded and approved by the attendees.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto opens the public speaking session, inviting anyone to speak for three minutes on community issues.
- Carolina Rodriguez from 40 Bruckner Boulevard addresses the board, raising concerns about the safety of PS 149's schoolyard gate and the NYPD parking lot's garbage issue.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto acknowledges the issues raised by Carolina Rodriguez and asks for clarification on the location of the NYPD parking lot.

Community Issues and Concerns

- Patricia Simpson discusses issues with pop-up car washes, double-parking delivery trucks, and unsafe parking garages near a dollar store.
- Patricia Simpson also highlights the need for sidewalk repairs to prevent tripping hazards.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto asks for specific locations of the issues raised by Patricia Smith for further analysis.
- Tyreek Goodman, running for the 84th Assembly District, introduces himself and discusses his campaign platform, including community clean-ups and addressing potholes.

Drug and Homelessness Concerns

- A community member expresses concerns about drug dealers and homelessness in St. Mary's Park, emphasizing the need for better surveillance and social services.
- Another community member raises issues with garbage and caskets being left on the streets, requesting better sanitation services.
- A homeowner from River 40th Street questions the new garbage can requirements and seeks clarification on proper disposal procedures.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto and Anthony Jordan discuss the need for educational resources on the new garbage can system and offer to follow up with the homeowner.

Introduction of Community Liaison and Youth Services

- A new community liaison introduces themselves and provides information about Keeping Connections to Youth and their services for justice-impacted youth.
- The liaison discusses the Building a Better Youth program, which supports young people aged 12 to 17 through creative therapy and community reintegration.
- Contact information for the liaison and Keeping Connections to Youth is provided for those interested in the program or seeking further information.

Discussion on City of Yes Proposal

- Councilmember Rafael Salamanca discusses the City of Yes proposal, explaining the importance of community boards voting within the 60-day window.
- Councilmember Rafael Salamanca emphasizes the need for community boards to provide recommendations to the city council to ensure their concerns are addressed.
- The board discusses the potential impact of the City of Yes proposal on affordable housing and supportive housing in the community.

Voting on City of Yes Proposal

- The board votes on the City of Yes proposal, with some members expressing concerns about the potential impact on the community.
- Member Ramona Ferreyra suggests including a condition that the proposal be referred to as subsidized housing rather than affordable housing.
- The board ultimately votes against the proposal, with some members abstaining.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto emphasizes the importance of community boards understanding and engaging with land use and zoning issues to make informed decisions.

Updates from City and State Representatives

- Mr. Leonardo Coello from the Mayor's Office provides updates on crime statistics, illegal vaping, and new garbage disposal regulations.
- Ms. Alexis Ruiz discusses the importance of community engagement and the need for better postal services in the district.
- Ms. Courtney Aubain from Congressman Ritchie Torres' office provides updates on recently passed legislation and upcoming initiatives, including a call for Spanish-speaking volunteers.
- Mr. Daniel Osorio from Assemblymember Chantel Jackson's Office emphasizes the importance of voting and encourages community members to stay informed and engaged in the political process.

Community Events and Youth Programs

- Ms. Jumanah Escalera from The Bronx District Attorney's office announces upcoming events, including a 5k run for Domestic Violence Awareness Month and an advisory meeting for youth.
- The board discusses the need for more youth participation in the advisory meeting to plan events and address community issues.
- The meeting concludes with a reminder to continue engaging with the community board and local representatives to address ongoing concerns and improve the neighborhood.

Action Items

Follow up with the elected officials' offices regarding the postal service issues in the district.

Reach out to the community board's district manager to provide information and resources on the new sanitation and composting requirements.

Encourage community members to apply for the upcoming community board openings.

Provide a formal presentation on the "City of Yes" proposal at the next community board meeting.

Schedule a training session for community board members on land use and zoning processes.