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February 27, 2020 District Manager's Report

Various people have raised concerns to me recently about the coronavirus, which has given me reason to think about office preparedness. As stated in this NBC News article, "the CDC said Americans should prepare for the possibility of disruptions to their daily lives if the virus were to start spreading in the U.S. That could include closing schools, working from home and delaying elective medical procedures" (<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/americans-should-prepare-coronavirus-spread-u-s-cdc-says-n1142556>).

Please be aware that the CB11 staff is not prepared to work from home on a protracted basis, but it could be with the purchase of new laptops, if not other items.

From: Paige Bond, CAHSInc.org
Sent: Tuesday, January 28, 2020 4:51:22 PM
To: Lisa Pesante, New York State Office for People With Developmental Disabilities
Cc: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov>; Tracy Tyler, CAHSInc.org; Olufemi Ayodele, CAHSInc.org
Subject: Update on Outside Boiler @ CAHS, Inc. – [2225] Lodovick [Avenue] ICF

Dear Lisa:

I just wanted to give you an update on the outside boiler at the Lodovick ICF. Today, Mr. Jeremy Warneke from Community Board #11 stopped by to introduce himself, request an update and provide any assistance to us. I informed him that our architect and attorney were able to confirm that we need to pay a violation and once that violation is paid, we would be able to obtain the permit to move forward and get Con Edison to turn on the gas. I personally went to the bank today, obtained the check and the architect will be stopping by tomorrow morning to obtain the check, submit the check to the DOB and obtain the permit. I explained to Mr. Warneke that we are eager to get the gas turned back on so that we do not need the outside boiler. I will continue to keep you posted.

IF you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank You,

Paige C. Bond
Chief Executive Officer/President
Community Action for Human Services, Inc.
2225 Lodovick Avenue
Bronx, New York 10469

On Thursday, January 30, our Chairman and I attended a meeting with some of our colleagues from CBs 7, 10 and 12 at State Senator Jamaal Bailey's Office on 233rd Street. Also at the meeting was a representative from The Bronx Defenders. The Senator called the meeting to share information regarding the recently passed bail reform legislation and answer any questions we had. Due to reactions caused by the press, the Senator felt it was imperative to have the meeting and distribute the flyer, which I've included as an addendum to my report.

From: Warneke, Jeremy (CB)
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 3:31 PM
To: J. LaBruna, Parts Authority, 1601 Bronxdale Avenue
Cc: GRAHAM, JAMES <JAMES.GRAHAM@nypd.org>; PO Mederos <nypd49cpo@outlook.com>; Ace Bag; Jason Vacker, MerProp.com
Subject: Meeting yesterday

Dear Mr. LaBruna:

Thank you again for coming to a meeting at the CB11 Office yesterday regarding concerns with Parts Authority employees and deliveries.

Please let your higher ups know that I believe it is in your company's interest to do some form of drug testing for employees, if it doesn't already. Although marijuana use will probably be legalized in the State of New York in the very near future, and although the City of New York now bans preemployment drug testing for marijuana and THC, there are or will be exceptions (<https://www.safetyandhealthmagazine.com/articles/18517-nyc-bans-pre-employment-drug-testing-for-marijuana-thc>).

Please also let your higher ups know what the NYPD said yesterday: that drug using employees can pose a liability to your business and the property owner.

If there are already no smoking signs up on the property, I recommend you/the property owner begin enforcing these signs.

Please don't forget to share with the PD and me the phone number(s) and/or email address(es) for your contacts at Fedex. As discussed during our meeting, PD will begin enforcement of oversized tractor trailers, which use the residential street of Sacket Avenue in Community Board 11 as a thoroughfare.

Ccing the PD on this email in addition to Ace Bag and your landlord.

Lastly, please don't forget that Community Board 11 is also here to serve you should you need our assistance.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Warneke

From: Bharati Kemraj
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 3:08 PM
To: Warneke, Jeremy (CB) <jwarneke@cb.nyc.gov>
Subject: My bio on the CB 11 Website

Hi Jeremy and team, this is a "thank you" e-mail to acknowledge the amazing work that you all do at Bronx Community Board 11 and specially to point out the importance of the sections on your Board's website. Mainly the bio and photo section.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bronxcb11/about/bio/bharati-s-kemraj.page>

In 2015, when I left Community Board 11 for a position with Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr.'s Office, I was recognized by the Bronx Times Newspaper as one of the 25 Most Influential Women of The Bronx. Since then I was recognized several times including in 2016 where I was honored during Caribbean American Heritage Month by the New York City Council Members and New York State Comptroller; 2017 I received the Five Borough Leader Award by the Brooklyn Borough President at Borough Hall; I Participated in Governor Cuomo's Commercial promoting New York's Diversity; Later I was Feature in the NYPD Diversity Training video and later I was Feature in the NYPD Diversity Training video.

In 2018 I took the opportunity, working as a Senior Associate with the office of Patrick B. Jenkins and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in strategic solutions for businesses and campaigns, government relations and community relations. In the same year I was named a City and State Magazine 40 Under 40 Rising Star and in 2019 I was highlighted for my community work by the NYPD DESI Society with their Community Service Award.

This March 2020 I will receive the City & State Magazine Above & Beyond Award, recognizing 30 most powerful women in NY.

I mention all this to NOT highlight my recognitions and awards (*maybe a little bit*) BUT more importantly I want to let you know that with each of these honors, I had to submit a bio and resume. The bio I submitted to each organization and continue to use is the bio found on the Bronx Community Board 11 website. At times, my bio was automatically pulled by the reporter or organization from the CB 11 website. Honestly, trying to put a long or short bio together is extremely difficult but having it in one location assists in giving me all that I need to pick and choose what I want to send out.

Thank you to the team for the work in maintaining the site and sharing valuable information not only about myself but of other board and staff members. You all have no idea how useful this can be until it is needed. The CB 11 site also comes up in various search engines and sites where others have found my bio and simply asked to pull from there.

So once again, thank you for encouraging me to write down what I have done which turned into my bio that is has been up on your site since 2015 and it continues to be there with updates. I do encourage others to submit their bio and head shot to be added to the CB 11 site.

Have a magical day,
Bharati Sukul Kemraj
Former Community Assistant, CB 11

The Bronx: CB Leadership Meeting 01/13/2020

1. Successful trainings/training resources
 - a. Pamphlet from 2003 is well worded and uniquely explains the role of CBs, it needs a revamp so all information is up-to-date, but a similar style of writing and design.
 - b. Borough President provides too much information in too short of a time.
 - c. CB 8 holds internal training that has been successful, they cover local issues, ethical guidance manual, their 197-a plan, budget priorities from past years.
 - d. Community building is an important element of trainings.
 - e. There is a disconnect b/w trainings the district managers and the chairs receive.
2. Spreading information re: CBs and encouraging participation
 - a. Recruitment process is very political in nature, affects participation
 - b. A District Manager spread information about CB membership in NYCHA developments, as that community was underrepresented on his board. This targeted outreach was successful.
 - c. Term limits are a concern—folks with less experience trying to push through change on a shorter timeline. This can make it difficult, particularly for DMs.
 - d. There was a conversation about the limit to recruitment by CBs, a chair expressed that the farthest a board should go is to promote applicants from underrepresented communities.
 - i. Demographic report is useful for this, however, some did not find it to be accurate.
 - e. Outreach methods include flyering and social media, especially Facebook.
 - f. Continuing engagement with members is difficult, committee participation is often “anemic.”
3. Professional development of staff:
 - a. Boards need clarification on relationship with city
 - b. More respect from city agencies—it is like “pulling teeth” getting things done in district
 - i. Budget consultations
 - c. Consultant urban planner would be more useful than urban fellow—not enough control over who is chosen for your office and they are not experts
 - i. Consultants could be helpful especially for boards who chose to create a 197-a plan
 - d. Other folks remarked that a full-time urban planner would be more helpful than others suggested, emphasizing the planning aspect of the budget process
 - e. Structural issues with budget process: took one board 22 years to get #1 priority funded

4. Barriers to participation:
 - a. Folks only want to serve 2 years—they get burnt out
 - b. There is a feeling that younger folks have less civic responsibility—how do boards stimulate these populations
 - c. 197-a plans give members a purpose
 - d. Streaming meetings in CB12 has helped inform community and increased awareness/participation
 - e. CRM, that boards should not have to pay for, would help manage constituent relationships and issue tracking.
5. Language access needs
 - a. When rules changed to affect small businesses, a board canvasses local businesses to spread info, they utilized board members to translate info
 - b. Hiring is informed often by language needs in the community—one board hired a staffer that speaks the 3 most needed languages.
 - c. Boards would be interested in help dubbing meetings and/or reserving interpreters for meetings, especially public hearings
 - d. Some boards expressed interest in document translation
6. Other topics that arose:
 - a. There needs to be CB internet and more folks from DOITT to help with IT difficulties
 - b. CBs should not have to spend limited budget on impact studies
 - c. Uniformity of By-Laws is needed
 - d. Structural issues with budget process: took one board 22 years to get #1 priority funded