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VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Chad Y. Royer
Meeting Date:	January 17, 2023
Meeting Time:	6:30PM
Meeting Location:	Kittay Houses, 2550 Webb Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468
Members In Attendance:	✓ Chad Royer _ Emmanuel Asamoah _ Jean Hill ✓ Bernard Wright ✓ Hugo Gonzalez ✓ Tobie Buford
Minutes done by:	Chad Royer

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read**
- II. Introductions/Attendance**
 - A. Attendance was taken and quorum was met
- III. Review of Previous Minutes (If applicable)**
- IV. Follow-up from Fordham Village Residence**
 - A. District Manager Karla Cabrera-Carrera, Councilmember Feliz, State Senator Jackson and Assemblymember Alvarez had a meeting with Jericho Projects and some of the residents at 355 East 194th Street.
 1. The Jericho administration claims they would address some of the issues raised by residents and the board will follow up in three months to check and see if the quality of life issues have been improved.
 - B. Residents have expressed their unhappiness with some issues taking place, such as an owner’s dog who has been disrupting the residents with loud noises, defecation in the hallways and biting a resident.
 - C. There continues to be a broken window in the stairway that has fragments on the ground outside and despite this issue being reported at the meeting and with 311, the issue remained unresolved.



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- D. Residents continue to cite discrepancies with what Jericho administration has said and what they have done.
- E. Some residents have filed applications for rent reduction through Councilmember Feliz's office.

V. **New Business**

A. May 2024 Events

- 1. The committee wants to hold a weekend event at Woodlawn Cemetery where volunteers could place new flags at the gravesites of Veterans.
 - a) Last year, the event was advertised for a weekday prior to Memorial Day weekend. The time frame would be 10:00 am to 12:00 pm, but dates will be determined soon.
- 2. For the Bronx Victory Memorial flagging event, the committee is looking to consider which Saturday in May to block off.
 - a) Mother's Day weekend falls on May 12.
 - b) May 4 and May 18 are considered as possible days, while May 11 is ruled out.
 - c) The event will still start at 11:00 am and take place in about an hour's time.

B. Discussion On Priorities For Veterans

- 1. While discussing the idea of streamlining a minimum allotment of food resources to Veterans through legislation, other ideas were mentioned at the meeting.
- 2. Bernard Wright mentioned that the Veterans Administration (VA) is looking for ways to find Veterans who are suffering through PTSD and/or living in the streets without housing or with challenges in housing because too many Veterans are dying
- 3. Although there are programs where Veterans can tap into food resources, access to these and other programs are often on a need-to-know basis.

THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION, CONTACT US AT:

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4. Tobie Buford mentioned the idea of a mobile vehicle that can be used by an organization and the goal would be to target Veterans so that they have an opportunity to tap into resources that they need.
5. Hugo Gonzalez mentioned the need for the city to have a standardized approach on how to approach Veterans and identify their needs.
6. The committee will continue to work on the idea of a standardized process that can be recommended to help Veterans district by district.

VI. Next Meeting Date:

A. February 21, 2024 at 6:30pm

VII. Adjournment

A. Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Hugo Gonzalez and seconded by Tobie Buford. Meeting is adjourned.