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VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 12, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

I) Committee Members In Attendance:

A) Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky · Anthony Perez · Jeffrey Hunter

Committee Members Absent:

A) Ischia Bravo · Carlos Gonzalez · Emmanuel Capellan

Attendees:

A) Adaline Walker-Santiago, CB7 Chair

B) Sheila Sanchez · Sirio Guerino · Dawn Merritt · Anthony Riviuccio · Elizabeth Carson · Steve Avallone

II) Minutes Review:

A) Minutes, reviewed and discussed from November, 2016 Committee Meeting.

III) Topics On Agenda:

A) Adaline Walker, Chair informed Upcoming Veterans Housing in CB7 District

B) Action Planning Strategy Meeting · CB7 First Annual Veterans Breakfast · Soaring Heights Eagle and Wind Beneath My Wings Ceremony Awards

C) Veterans Breakfast and Awards Ceremony Planning Discussion

Adaline Walker Santiago, Chair disseminated packets of completed several components of the Veterans Breakfast Event; Robyn L. Saunders, Chair explained what components of the upcoming Veterans Breakfast was completed, identified areas that needed help/volunteers:

- 1) Secured event space with Lehman College – Music Building; sent letter to Councilmember Fernando Cabrera requesting him to lead the prayer for the Veterans Breakfast. Josimel De La Cruz, Scheduler / Job Developer replied to email, Councilmember agreed and to purchase one Soaring Eagle Award award for Veteran.
- 2) Discussed the logistics of awards ceremony and planning with Executive Committee on January 3rd, 2017; made request for CB7 to purchase (4) four awards for veterans Breakfast; Andrew Sandler, District Manager and Barbara Stronczer, Executive Committee, Chair stated they did not see a problem with the request;



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- 3) Developed the event Program and Veteran Booklet; requested photos and brief bios from award recipients;
 - 4) Received List (60) from Shawn Kingston, VA and Edson Arzu, President of Garafuna Veterans of America (10) all confirmed and Veterans attending the event;
 - 5) Presently working on the PowerPoint presentation to be looped during the event;
 - 6) Anthony Perez, Committee Member agreed to assist with identifying sponsor to help with purchase of Breakfast and awards. Robyn L. Saunders, Chair stated that several Sponsorship Request were emailed on January 10th, 11th, and 12th, 2017;
 - 7) Elizabeth Carson, Community Member agreed to assist with Media, Calls to Vendor for updates on awards;
 - 8) NY VA Commissioner, Loree Sutton submitted her Image and bio for the booklet;
 - 9) Dawn Mitchell, Community Member agreed to help with calling awards recipients to ensure they submit their photos and bio's by Sunday, January 15, 2017;
 - 10) Helene Kutnowsky, Committee Member agreed to divide the names of Veterans to be distributed to elected officials to begin processing the Citations.
 - 11) Robyn L. Saunders, Chair sent email to Tom Lucania, requesting if Borough President can schedule to be in attendance at Veterans Breakfast; currently awaiting feedback.
- IV) Upcoming 2ND Annual CB7-Bronx Library Center · Friday, June 3, 2016 - 11am-4pm
- A) Bronx Library Center Mini Career Series, scheduled to be hosted at various libraries throughout the Bronx. (flyers disseminated)
- V) Meeting adjourned.
- A) Next Committee Meeting scheduled, Thursday, February 9th, 2016 at 7:30pm.