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VETERANS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 3, 2018 @ 7:30 PM

Committee Attendance: Committee Chairperson, Carmen Miranda, Co-Chairperson, Cole Hawkins, Jeffery Hunter, Jean Hill

Guests: 7 members of the community

I) Greetings and introductions

A) Discussed the Veterans Brunch that took place on Friday, April 20, 2018 at Lehman College suggestions for next year.

1) The committee agreed that we will collect bios throughout the entire year so that we can continue to acknowledge and showcase the accomplishments of the Veterans that are living in our community on CB7's social media outlets.

a) We agreed that the bios should have this basic information: Name, picture, rank, deployments (if any), awards, medals and any other relevant information that the veteran and/or active duty member would like to publicly share.

II) Discussion

A) District Manager Ischia Bravo shared services that are offered at Community Board 7.

1) She explained that community boards in the Bronx are based on the needs of the community.

2) CB7 has 13 committees and one Ad-Hoc committee.

a) The committees are designed so that specific needs can be addressed during their meetings.

b) These meetings truly depend on their members to bring the issues to the table so that they can be addressed.

c) She encouraged that the members call to provide their issues before the meeting so that whenever possible, those issues can be addressed during the meeting and not have to wait another month.

3) She spoke about the "Parliamentary Procedures" and the "Roberts Rules of Order" as references of how boards and committees are supposed to operate.



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III) In our next meeting we will invite "City Planning", an agency that provides statistical information.

A) We want to be able to narrow down what our community needs by identifying who we have in our community.

1) We will also invite a spokesperson from the Bronx Veterans Hospital.

2) We will request that City planning come with a response to the following questions:

a) How many veterans in our area are seen at the Bronx VA hospital?

b) What family services are offered at the VA?

c) What services are offered to the Veterans at the VA?

d) What are the outpatient programs that are offered to veterans and their families in the community?

e) How many homeless veterans are there in the community?

f) What are the top 5 resources that the veterans are requesting in our community?

g) Can we get the answers broken down by neighborhood?

IV) Outreach

A) The committee discussed outreach to get people to come to the monthly meetings as well as to the various activities.

1) We identified some key organization and places that we can reach out to invite members of the community to come to our meetings as well as our events.

2) We will continue to reach out to these organizations so that we can improve our meetings and continue to strive for excellent service to our members.

V) This concluded the meeting of the Veterans Committee.