



Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera

Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

December 3, 2024

Board Members Present: Nellie Santiago-Rivera, Linda Soto, Daniel Porro, Chandra Moore, Md Alauddin, Esther Ford (non-committee member), Derrick Holman (non-committee member, Lena Johnson (non-committee member)

I. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The social services committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, and veterans concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Seniors Connected Sub-Committee is under this committee.

II. Speakers

A. David Mandel, Percent for Art - Soundview Recreation Center

- The NYC Percent for Art Program:
In 1982, Local Law 65, the Percent for Art Law was passed, which states that 1% of the capital funds appropriated for newly constructed or reconstructed City-owned buildings or sites must be allocated for works of art.
- Percent for Art Eligibility Criteria:
Commissions are installed in new or reconstructed City-owned buildings and structures, such as: courthouses, parks, cultural institutions, police precincts, fire stations, streetscapes, plazas, libraries, schools, health centers, and detention centers.
In CB9, the site in review is the Soundview Recreation Center Site Location in Soundview Park on Metcalf Ave bet Story Ave & Lafayette Ave, Bronx, NY 10473.
- The process for commissioning a new work of art includes an Artist Selection Panel
Composition: Voting Panelists and Advisory Panelists.
- The Artist Selection Panel Process includes the First Meeting and Second Meeting.
- The Community Board Engagement Process & Anticipated Dates:
Project Initiation/Outreach, Meet with CB9 (December 3, 2024); Selection Panel 1 to review artist pool and select finalists (January 29, 2025 10am-1pm); Selection Panel 2 for finalist presentations, commission (April 10, 2025 10am-2pm); Selected Artist Presents Conceptual Design to CB9 (*Fall 2025); Public Design Commission Conceptual Design Review (*Fall 2025)
- Panelist Considerations:
Voting Panelists should be: 18 Years of age, Arts professional, knowledgeable about: contemporary art; the community where the project is taking place, and provide a short letter of interest with email address and phone number

Advisory Panelists should be: 18 Years of age, Knowledgeable about: community issues and interests where the project is taking place, and provide name/email/address/affiliation.

- Artist Considerations: Artists should be at least 18 years of age, Artists should have a website or online digital, representation of work, An artist statement (description of artistic practice), and email address & phone number.
- Submit material or suggestions by January 10, 2025 to: PercentInfo@culture.nyc.gov
- For Artists: Percent for Art Artist Directory:
<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dclapercentforart/registry/registry-about.page>
(Indicate Soundview Rec Ctr in the subject line)

B. Justin Mitchell, Senior Vice President & Chief Program Officer and Carmen Rivera, Chief Vocational & Community Affairs Officer - VIP Community Services

Vocational Instruction Project (VIP) Community Services, Inc. is a 48-year-old multi-services healthcare provider headquartered in the Bronx. VIP's mission is to offer comprehensive and integrated medical, behavioral health, housing, and wraparound services that are equitable and promote positive outcomes for the people served, their families, and the community.

- Mobile Medication Unit (MMU)
 - In 2021, the DEA released new rules that allow for DEA-registered OTPs to establish and operate mobile methadone vans.
 - Prior to the release of this rule, the DEA had not approved any new mobile methadone vans since 2007.
 - In January of 2022, the New York State Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS) released an RFP seeking applications for the development of Mobile Medication Units (MMU).
 - In November 2023, VIP's MMU received OASAS, SAMHSA and DEA approvals to begin delivery of mobile medication services.
- MMU Staffing & Services
 - Staff include: Registered Nurse, Client Care Coordinator, Peer Support Specialist, Medical Provider (virtual), Security Guard, and Driver
 - Services include: Medication induction, administration and observation of methadone and buprenorphine, Initial and annual physical examinations, Counseling services, Peer support services, and Opioid overdose prevention and education.
- MMU Process includes Referral, Intake, and Ongoing Care
- VIP's MMU will operate six days per week between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:00 PM on weekdays and 7:00 AM and 12:00 PM on Saturday.
- For more information contact Ellen Hoffman, Assistant Vice President, Medication-Assisted Treatment, at 718-466-8954 or EHoffman@vipservices.org.

III. New Business

A. January Agenda Items

- Jessica Jackson, Veteran Specialist – DVS will be presenting

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