



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

## Social Services Committee Meeting Summary

October 4, 2022

**Board Members Present:** Daniel Porro, Md Alauddin, Alizia McMyers, James Tynan, Brent Woodie, Robbin Kelly, Tenisha Morrison, Lena Johnson, Kristine Garcia-Elliot, Julio Quinones Jr.,

**I. Committee Description:** The social service & housing committee represents the community's interests with regards to social services including senior services, disability, veterans and housing concerns and acts as a liaison between community members and the NYC Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Aging, New York City Housing Authority, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The Disability Sub-Committee is under this committee.

### II. Speakers

- A. New York City Commission on Human Rights, Human Rights Law and Discrimination in Housing and Rights of People with Disabilities in Housing and Public Accommodations, Samelys Lopez-** Ms. Lopez stated that her presentation can not be recorded due to the changing of laws. However, Ms. Lopez shared the following links/information.
- <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/mopd/resources/housing.page> -Housing Connects affordable housing developments have income and credit requirements, which vary by development. Most income requirements range from \$20,000 to \$120,000. Applications are picked through a lottery system. When an applicant is chosen through the lottery, the next step is an eligibility review where the applicant must submit all required documents needed to prove eligibility.
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/community/equal-access.page> - The New York City Human Rights Law protects people with disabilities from discrimination at work, in their homes, and in public spaces. For decades, the Commission's Project Equal Access (PEA) has worked with housing providers, businesses, and employers to make New York City more accessible. Engaging collaboratively with these entities helps make spaces accessible to people with disabilities without the parties having to go through the formal complaint-filing process. This often results in much faster resolutions for people with disabilities. To request assistance in obtaining reasonable accommodations for your disability, please call the Commission at (212) 416-0197 or [fill out our online form](#).
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/index.page>
  - <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cchr/media/publications.page> - As part of its comprehensive public education campaign, the NYC Commission on Human Rights produces original

publications, designed to inform the public about the work of the Commission. You may click on the name of the publication to obtain additional information, and to download the publication, which are available in several languages, including Arabic, Spanish, Bengali, Haitian Creole, French, Russian, Polish, Urdu, Korean, and Chinese, among others. (Publications are in PDF; [Adobe download required](#)).

- [Disabilitieshttps://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/pppinfo.shtml](https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/pppinfo.shtml)
- <https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/pppinfo.shtml> - You are eligible to be issued a New York State disability parking permit for the disabled if you are a New York City resident and have a severe, permanent, or temporary, qualifying mobility impairment as certified by a New York State-licensed physician or podiatrist. You do not have to be a driver or registered owner of a vehicle to get a permit. Disabled children and legally blind persons are eligible for permits. According to the New York Vehicle and Traffic Law, Section 404A, to be eligible for the State Permit you must:
  - have limited or no use of one or both legs
  - have a neuro-muscular dysfunction which severely limits mobility
  - have another physical or mental disability which makes the use of public transportation difficult; or
  - be legally blind.

Your physician must state whether the condition is permanent or temporary in nature and describe how severely and regularly the condition affects your ability to walk.

### **III. DM Report**

- DM Rivera stated that the Bronx Hurricane Relief Drive started this week and ends on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Will be collecting donations of nonperishable foods, diapers, baby formula, all medications, all hygiene products, any essential items, and only new clothing. Drop off locations are Bruckner Commons, 1957 Turnbull Avenue, Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm and Saturdays 9am to 1pm. Assemblymember Kenny Burgos office is also a drop off site, 1163 Manor Avenue, Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm.
- Seniors Connected will be in person at ShopRite (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:35pm**

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