



*Chairman: Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager: William Rivera*

## **Land & Zoning Committee Meeting Summary**

**February 8, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Mitchell Halpern (X), Jennifer Sayers, Jorge Hurtado, Sinade Wadsworth (X), Twywana Bush (X), Alizia McMyers, Victor Cordero, Sadie Davis (X)

### **1. New Business**

#### **A. BSA 300 Soundview Ave**

BSA process is taking place because current owner is not allowed to have a laundromat with current usage, this was originally approved for gasoline or automotive repair and now will be for light usage, this process includes recommendation from the Community Board. Elyse Foladare from City Planning represents Khaled, owner of site, both whom are present at meeting. DM Rivera contacted current owner of laundromat across the street and left a message for a call back. It is not uncommon to have numerous laundromats at close vicinity from each other. This site will not be 24hours at this time, (not past 12am for 90 days), however, if there is a need established after opening, this can be considered. Equipment, machine, and staffing was discussed by owner. DM Rivera visited other laundromat owned by the same owner and site was clean and tidy. It is not the norm for DMs to do this much research for BSA applications but this was done to assure a need for the new site. As per DM Rivera from speaking to community members in the area, there is a need for a new laundromat. Owner of this site also owns laundromat at 1746 Lafayette Ave, no serious incidents have been noted here. Site will have 12 car parking spaces and state of the art washers and dryers, including high speed washers and dryers. Possibility of having community mural at this site. Building will also have seating areas and vending machines. Wednesdays and Thursdays there will be free drying plus \$1 wash and free soap on Tuesdays. Owner is open to community bulletin board for community postings.

### **2. DM Report**

A. Successful Martin Luther King event at Parkchester last month. Covid testing throughout the district has been taking place. Last weekend there was an event in Parkchester and Bruckner commons that went really well, these events are hosted once or twice a week. Yankee Stadium is currently hosting testing, details on chat. DM Rivera was able to secure 100,000 testing kits for the district, about 1 million dollars in kind contribution. There was a fatal fire in the district, CB9 is currently working with the family and elected officials to host a second wave of help with furniture and other needed items. 2008 Westchester Avenue hosted a Community Advisory Meeting that went really well. CB9 Shelter, Allie's Place will be hosting a Valentine's Day Holiday Card competition with AM Burgos, McDonalds, Botanical Garden and the Bronx Zoo. Former Models location will be cleaned up most likely in March with owner. 1985 Bruckner Blvd has a proposed ULURP, 6 story unit, affordable housing, around 50 apartments, presentation will be demonstrated at next Land & Zoning Meeting, not ULURP as of yet. CB9 Consultant has been working with the Youth & Education and NYCHA Committee on several initiatives. Food distribution efforts have been ongoing. Seniors Connected is on hold at the moment until restrictions are lifted. DM Rivera met with Congressman Ritchie Torres' Staff in regards to Cross Bronx Expressway Initiative which was founded by CB9 in 2011. DM had a call with Ted Weinstein regarding home ownership. Due to the Mayor's Initiative there were a lot of incentives to build affordable Housing. In the next few years there will be about 5000 units of affordable housing but home ownership has fallen through the cracks and is needed to combat gentrification/change. HPD created a condo/coop program, the details are still ambiguous but the program can be used by developers for condos/coops. The ones being built on Soundview and Lacombe are an example of this, 2069 Bruckner Blvd was the first application of this program.

**Meeting End Time: 8:13pm**

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