

Veterans Committee (VC) Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 20, 2018

Michael Nelson and Carrie Taft, Committee Cochairperson

RE: Kickoff Meeting of VC Day Session

Date: May 9, 2018

Attendees: 6 (Not including Cochairperson Ms. Taft)
Veterans: 3, Family: 2, Friend: 1.

Veterans Committee CoChair Ms. Taft met with attendees at the office of Community Board 6 from 10am to 12noon. Meeting was opened with prayer by CoChair.

Cochair welcomed all present. Initial introductions were conducted:

Ms. Taft explained purpose of the daytime meeting as setting to conduct joint monitoring and follow-ups with appropriate sources to ensure the ongoing prioritized needs already presented by Veterans for Veterans are being addressed legislatively, and in the best interest of the Veterans and their families - to help them improve their quality of life and communities. A street homelessness Veterans community feeding was identified by a family member present and assistance was offered by Veterans present. Attendees agreed to keep the following steps listed on kickoff flyer to be used as subsequent meetings agenda (and on flyer):

1. Present the problem(s) to the elected officials (Done!)
2. Identify the needs/interests and goals (Done!)
3. Develop/Update the action plan (AP)
4. Confirm in AP who will do what by when
5. Identify and report current outcomes
6. Accomplish goals

For follow-up, attendees expressed desire to join ranks with the other Bronx Community Boards' Veterans Committees (VC) of the Bronx Community Boards of the Bronx, NY - in the spirit of Responsibility, Accountability, and Sustainability. Participants agreed to engage the support of others. Co-Chair Taft informed and educated persons present on the *5 Calls* App and how to use it.

A mutual agreement was made by attendees to engage identified type of meetings. A suggestion was made by attendee to be called the Veterans Task Force of CB6: purposed to advocate for and with our fellow veterans, families, and communities through CB6, and outside Veterans affiliations; within and beyond the board 6 area.

CoChair agreed to (1) request approval of District Manager John Sanchez for day session to be called a Task Force. (2) Send an invitation to the other Bronx CBs to engage the VC Chairs/Cochairs Bronxwide.

The next meeting of the Veterans Committee/Task Force will be at 10:00am and 6:30pm on Tuesday May 15, 2018 at the office of CB6.