

## **BX. CB #4 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING MINUTES-FEBRUARY 18, 2009**

Mr. Jose Rodriguez opened the meeting at 9:45 am and noted that he looks forward to working with the agencies in the New Year.

### **REVIEW/CORRECTION/ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

The District Manager asked everyone to review the minutes of January 2009. With no objections, minutes were duly carried.

### **Agenda ITEM #'s:**

#### **NYPD 44<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

Detective Stephen Wattley, Community Affairs/44<sup>th</sup> Precinct, introduced Sergeant Esposito and P.O. Lonesome and then proceeded to give the monthly report. He stated that overall crime is down there was a homicide on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 280-300 East 161<sup>st</sup> Street where a security guard was killed. They are still looking for the shooter who has been identified as a 22 year old black male (in which flyers were given out). Robberies YTD were down 25% from 68 last to 51 this year, felony assaults were down 20% and burglaries YTD at 27 from 28 last year. Grand Larceny has seen a slight increase from last year and it is mostly the youth on youth crime with cellphone, iPods, etc. Sgt. Esposito noted that 44<sup>th</sup> Precinct offers etching of the cell phones such as the sidekicks to help deter the loss of such items. Interested persons can speak to Officer Roque, who is the Crime Prevention Officer. Grand Larceny Auto has also seen a slight increase, with GPS devices being one of the targets.

The District Manager announced that the Highbridge Community will work with PS73 to coordinate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Memorial Services for the fire victims in Highbridge. The theme of the event will be Emergency Preparedness Awareness. He also spoke briefly on the Mayors Preliminary Budget.

Mr. Rodriguez reported to Mr. Galarza from DEP that the sinking hole on Walton Avenue & 171<sup>st</sup> Street is starting to sink again and asked that DEP look into it.

Ms. Aurea Mangual, Bronx Borough President's Office, announced that the Borough President will hold his last State of the Borough Address on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am at Lehman College.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION**

**Ms. Denise Hudson, HRA**, thanked Robert Bodgas from Dept. of Consumer Affairs, for the team work in promoting the Earned Income Tax Credit to consumers. She informed everyone that the HEAP season is still open through September 2009. She reported that the Burial Claims Unit has moved to 25 Chapel Street in Brooklyn.

**Mr. Robert Bodgas, DCA**, reported that they agency has issued 1200 violations to tax preparers. They are also in the process of inspected every supermarket in the City to check every package for their weight and prices. They send three inspectors at a time to inspect supermarkets.

**Ms. Jacqueline Morgan, DOB**, reported on a new initiative where people can challenge process of public input effective March 9<sup>th</sup>. New building applications or enlargements included in the website.

**Ms. Jacqueline Carter, NYCTA**, informed everyone that stimulus monies will be used for MTA capital projects first, however, you can submit concerns until March 2<sup>nd</sup> to [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info)

### **DEPARTMENT OF SANITATION**

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