

BX. CB #4 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING MINUTES-MAY 21, 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 March 2009. Ms. Denise Hudson, HRA, The new Interactive Voice Response System is available for a select population of recipients who are disabled that will enable those persons to recertify over the telephone. The HRA Food Stamp office located at 2551 Bainbridge Avenue will eliminate the late hours they have effective in June. With no other objections, minutes were duly carried.

Agenda ITEM #'s:

NYPD 44TH PRECINCT MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT

Capt. Emilio Melendez, 44th Precinct, gave the monthly report. He stated that there was a shooting on Macombs Road, an arrest was made. He reported that in 28 days there is a slight increase in crime. Burglaries are up, particularly late night burglaries, and there have been rooftop burglaries as well. Assaults are up YTD contributed to domestic violence and a rash of assaults on police officers. He stated that there has been an arrest made on the supermarket burglaries. On 170th Street & Wythe Place, a pit bull was shot and another dog was shot and killed at 3125 Park Avenue Morrisania Air Rights. Robberies have decreased and there is a decline in sidekick robberies which is attributed to the I E Program database that id's can now be checked in the database, this program is in conjunction with the DA's Office.

The 44th Precinct lost 23 impact officers to other precincts. There have been 3 homicides so far this year.

The District Manager asked about the 44th Precinct initiative targeting youth. Capt. Melendez reported that the 44th Precinct is a pilot precinct and they are working on a “Why Did I Stop You” initiative to inform the youth as to why they were stopped.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the Community Affairs officers do an excellent job in their efforts to bridge the gap between police officer and the public.

It was reported that DPR personnel have been threatened in Ogden/Plimpton Playground. Capt. Melendez requested for signage stating the rules and regulation to be placed in the Goble Place Park on Macombs Road. Capt. Melendez requested signage be placed in Goble Park stating that the park closes at 9:00pm in order for the NYPD to enforce.

Sanitation Enforcement Agent reported that they will heighten the canine patrol working from 2pm-10pm.

Mr. Rodriguez gave a brief synopsis on the budget consultations process and informed the agencies that he would be contacting them for consult in the month of June. He asked that the agencies compile a structured list of capital needs to present at the District Level Consultations.

Ms. Ezell reiterated that importance of the consultations and asked that the agencies cooperate and collaborate with the Board during this process.

She then went on to state that on Teller, Clay and Findlay Avenues there are numerous vehicles parked in the street with “FOR SALE” signs on them and asked that the NYPD and Consumer Affairs look into that matter, as the cars are taking up many parking spaces in an area that already has scarce parking space for residents.

Ms. Valerie Davis-O’Neal proceeded to give the District Manager an status report on a list of park complaints submitted to DPR. She stated that the bench replacement by the fountain in Joyce Kilmer Parks will proceed by the end of the month. Ogden/Plimpton Park-work orders for the repairs have been submitted. They are working on the irrigation system in Joyce Kilmer Park for the soil erosion. Dead plants will be replaced. Maintenance of the Grand Concourse has not yet been transferred over to DPR from the Department of Transportation.

The Youth Police Academy will be held at Harriet S. Truman High School from July 6-August 13th for 10-16 year olds.

A request was made for more enforcement on Grant, Sherman & Sheridan Avenues and 166th Street where garbage is being opened and dumped in the neighborhood. Sanitation Enforcement stated that he will request the 2pm-10pm shift patrol said area.

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AGENCY REPORTS

Mr. Carlyle Cole, Department of Design and Construction, reported that they are half way through the construction phase for the 145th Street project. They will start the design phase for the Retaining wall and the stepstreets on 168th Street between Teller and Clay Avenues. The Macombs Dam Bridge project will start the design phase in January 2010. The reconstruction of the Grand Concourse from 166th Street to 171st Street design will start 2011. A discussion ensued regarding the design of the project and whether recommendation could be made to make it more user friendly, particularly for parades. Ms. Ezell stated that the Lou Gehrig Plaza was designed for the culmination of parades, and yet it cannot be utilized for said purpose.

Ms. Aurea Mangual, Bronx Borough President Office, invited everyone to the official inauguration for the new Borough President to be held May 21st at Lehman College @ 2:00pm. Please rsvp with Prisca Rodriguez at 718-590-3557.

Ms. Denise Hudson, HRA, informed everyone that the Medicaid Office located in Jacobi Hospital at 1400 Pelham Parkway will be closing as of June 30, 2009. Applicants will now have to go to North Central Bronx Hospital. She stated that individuals who have child support orders that are more than they can afford to pay may be eligible to have it lowered without going to court. They can go to 221 Broadway, 4th Floor on Wednesdays and Thursdays, no appointment

necessary and have their case reviewed.

Ms. Jackie Morgan, Department of Buildings, reported that the NYC Construction Code will be effective July 1st. DOB will be holding a series of workshop; June 15 – Fire Protection, Fire Suppression workshop, June 18- New Egress Requirements workshop. All workshops will be hosted in Manhattan and interested persons can call 311 for further details and to register. Also, in an effort to support green roofs, DOB will be offering tax abatement for the installation of green roofs in new buildings. Visit the DOB website for more information. There is also a new requirement for establishments, commercial to provide secure parking spaces for bicycles.

Respectfully submitted by:

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