

SAFETY, UNIFORMED SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 7TH, 2011 MEETING

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Marisol Alcantara (Chair) - Present

Nicole Monegro (Vice Chair) Present

Carolyn Thompson-present

Ted Kovaleff-present

Charles Cooper-present

Patricia Lewis-absent

Community Board member:

LaQuita Henry

NYC Agencies Reps:

Sgt. (NYPD 26th Pct.) Lt. Feliz, Welington and EPO. Forbes

Sgt. (NYPD 30th Pct.) Sg. Bonnadonna, PO Almonte

Lt. (NYPD PSA6) Det. Ramos, PO Chealham

Public Members: None

Guests:

Greg Gallagher, Catherine Abate, Basia Nikoworow, J Kenni, Vaughn Jackson, Ada Molina, Victor Edwards, Larry Blanco, Jacqueline Quynh

The meeting was held on April 7th, 2011 at the Lower Level Brick Room located at Broadway Housing, 583 Riverside Drive.

The Chair, Marisol Alcantara called the meeting to order at 6:45pm Marisol Alcantara, Carolyn Thompson, Ted Kovaleff and Charles Cooper were present.

Present members voted to adopt the agenda at 6:55pm. The minutes from the last meeting were not available for members to view. Ted Kovaleff stated that since September the minutes for the meetings have not been available and he wanted this on record.

Reports/Discussions:

Sg. Bonnadonna (30th Pct.) Provided us with copy of crimes reports stats. From 3/28/11-4/3/11.

Report is attached with complete details on crime complaints, number of arrests and summons issue.

Sg. Bonnadonna gave us posters to hang in buildings. In addition, Sg. stated that 8 cars were torched in West 149th Street and Bradhurst. Police is still looking for perpetrator or cause.

26 Pct. Lt. Feliz reported that grand larceny there are 26 this year as compared with 56 at this same time last year. Had one bank robbery.

DOT-Catherine Abate a resident from West 138th Street gave a presentation and introduced a resolution regarding unauthorized helicopters flyer over West 138th street. According to Ms. Abate; she and Sara (Councilmember Robert Jackson's) office have been working on this resolution. Ms. Abate stated that she has contacted various elected officials and city agencies including 311, Congressman Rangel's office and City council member Robert Jackson.

Ms. Thompson asked Ms. Abate about Councilmember Jackson office response and what they were planning to do about this issue. Ms. Abate stated that they told her that she needs to contact the community Board office.

Ms. Abate went on to explain that she contacted The New York City Economic Development Corporation and informed them about this situation. She also provided EDC with the name of the Helicopter Company that seems to be the biggest offender.

Ms. Monegro asked Ms. Abate if she has collected a list of other community members who shared her concerned on this issue or are experiencing her same problem. Ms. Monegro explained to Ms. Abate that the best thing for her to do is to circulate a petition amongst her neighbors. Ms. Abate Agreed.

By unanimous decision, the committed decided to table the issue until Ms. Abate brings a completed petition. Ms. Thompson explained to Ms. Abate, that we have not heard of this type of complaint from other neighborhood residents.

137th Street Beautification Project

Basia Nikonorow explained that she received a \$500.00 grant from Citizens Committee of NYC. The purpose of the grant is to plant flowers, tulips and other plants around West 137th Between Broadway and Riverside. ON June 4th from 10:00Am-1:00pm, The Street will be temporary closed so that volunteers and neighbors can plant on the block. Ms. Basia also spoke about Montefiore Park and how they have applied for a play street permit. The play street program will closed down Hamilton Place between West 136 and West 138th Street for one day of the month. The purpose of the program is to allow children and other community folks enjoy the park.

Basia Nikonorow was informed Montefiore Park was not on the agenda; therefore the committee could not discuss the issue.

New Business:

Liquor License Applications/renewals

Committee voted to approve the following applications: J.T. Culinary LLC,d/b/a Haakan's Hall, Vinofino Corporation.

Mi Reyna Restaurant Corporation did not showed up.

Alteration License Application: Moises from Picante stated that they wanted an application to be able to serve liquor on their sidewalk café. Ms. Monegro asked him why bother asking the board when he did not asked us for a sidewalk license. Ms. Cooper stated that the sidewalk café is a done deal he is here to talk about an alteration on his liquor license. Sg. Bonnadonna stated that they have received about 10 phone calls in the last two weeks regarding noise and loud music coming from Picante. Moises stated that the issue has been resolved.

The committee voted 3 to 2 not to provide him with the alteration. Issue will go before general board meeting.

Taxi Limousine Commission:

Family San Juan Radio Dispatcher never showed up.

PS 6: Det. Ramos and PO Chealham provided us with crime report. Copies are in the office. Det. Ramos distributed flyers for a Blood Drive and application for the 2011 youth police academy.

Parking Lot: Ms. Alcantara spoke about a request she received from fellow community board member Brad Taylor and other community members of the Morningside Street association. As per their email, Columbia University is planning on building a parking lot on Morningside drive. The university has not received any input from the community.

Members of the committee requested more details on the project. We agreed to deal with this issue in the next me since no one was present from the university or the block association. We agreed to reach out to both Columbia and the residents for the next meeting.

Old Business: Mr. Kovaleff stated that he wanted it on the record that he has not received minutes from this committee since September 2011 to the present.