

**SAFETY, UNIFORMED SERVICES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES FOR THE May 5<sup>H</sup>, 2011 MEETING**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Marisol Alcantara (Chair) - Present

Nicole Monegro (Vice Chair) - Present

Carolyn Thompson-Present

Ted Kovaleff-Present

Charles Cooper-Present

Patricia Lewis-Excused

**Community Board member:**

Brad Taylor

**NYC Agencies Reps:**

Sgt. (NYPD 26<sup>th</sup> Pct.) P.O. Harper

Sgt. (NYPD 30<sup>th</sup> Pct.) Sg. Bonnadonna, PO Almonte

Lt. (NYPD PSA6) P.O. Cheatham

**Public Members:** None

**Guests:**

J. Opper, Jake Cerrone, Coral Caporal, Renan A. Mazorua, Vaughn Jackson, Jennifer Aponte, Cynthia Howell, Eric Schacter, Ana Vargas, Cecilia Vargas, Carol Gerstman, Rigo Herasme and Joseline Minaya

The meeting was held on May 5, 2011 at the Lower Level room located in Broadway housing, 583 Riverside Drive.

The Chair, Marisol Alcantara called the meeting to 6:35pm Marisol Alcantara, Carolyn Thompson, Ted Kovaleff and Charles Cooper where present.

Present members voted to adopt the agenda with two additional changes to include in Old Business at 6:37pm.

### **Reports/Discussions:**

Sg. Bonnadonna (30<sup>th</sup> Pct.) Provided us with copy of crimes reports stat. Burglaries are up 27%. The African Methodist Church located at 1854 Amsterdam Avenue was burglarized a camera, blank checks and other items were stolen. Report is attached with complete details on crime complaints, number of arrests and summons issued.

P.O. Harper (26<sup>th</sup> Pct.) On April 9, a fight in front of Hudson River Café between six Hispanic men approximately around 4:00 am. The fight spilled over to 125 and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and therefore the 26 Pct. responded. Report is attached with complete details on crime complaints, number of arrests and summons issued.

P.O. Rijo (Manhattan North) Overall crimes are down in Northern Manhattan however, rapes are up. Most rape victims know their perpetrators. The basketball tournament concluded. Applications for the Summer Youth Police Academy which will run in the summer for youth between the ages of 10-16.

P.O. Cheatham (PSA6) Robberies went up at both Manhattanville and Grant Houses. Report is attached with complete details on crime complaints, number of arrests and summons issued.

### **New Business: Liquor License Applications Renewals:**

3662 Broadway Restaurant Cor., d/b/a Taqueria San Pedro : located on 150 Broadway. Opened in November 2009 and is requesting a renewal of their liquor license. The committee unanimously approved it.

### **New Liquor License:**

Rigoberto Herasme, Julie Grunberger – 2331 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This is a new establishment that is under negotiation for Mr. Herasme to lease. This is the old warehouse that distributed beer on 133rd and 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue. His plans are to the establishment into a Sports Bar. The committee unanimously approved it.

### **Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License Renewal:**

2896 Food Services Inc., d/b/a Community Services Restaurant: located on Broadway between 112<sup>th</sup> and 113<sup>th</sup> streets. Mr. Kovaleff strongly stated that this restaurant needs to comply with the CB9 rule of sidewalk cafes not extending beyond 8 feet from the establishment. The committee agreed that the resolution will include that the restaurant must comply with this rule.

The business owners who were not able to attend this meeting are invited to June's meeting.

### **New Business:**

Coral Caporal community resident wanted to know if the local precincts are prepared for terrorists attacked. She is concerned with terrorists attacked on the George Washington Bridge and other nearby locations. Sg. Bonnadonna informed Ms. Caporal that the precincts have been trained for this and for

security reasons cannot disclose and further information. She also complained about the noise coming from the Hudson River Café.

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**Old Business:**

**137<sup>th</sup> Street Beautification Project**

Residents from 137<sup>th</sup> street attended this meeting to inform us of their disapproval for Basia Nikonorow's street beautification project. Cynthia Howell and Cecila Vargas spoke on how Ms. Nikonorow did not inform them of her plans and is basically shunning them when they have been the ones who have organized the street closures and beautification projects for that block. We agreed to coordinate a meeting between the parties in hopes that they can all work together.

**Columbia University Parking Lot:**

Although invited no representative from CU attended this meeting with regards to discussing the plans for the parking lot that is being built on Morningside Drive. Community Board member Brad Taylor along with other residents from Morningside attended this meeting and discussed their disapproval of this parking lot and how CU is not disclosing information about the parking lot and would like for CU to take their suggestions for consideration. The committee requested for Brad Taylor to draft a resolution stating that CB9 is against the building of this parking lot.