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Public Safety Committee Meeting
October 17, 2017

Minutes

PRESENT: Yahay Obeid, Chair; Veronica Castro; Keith Ramsey and Eliezer Rodriguez.

EXCUSED: Joseph Thompson

GUESTS: Stephanie Williams, Adam Lessuck, FDNY employees
Captain Thomas Alps, P.O. Mederas, 49th Precinct.

Meeting started at 7:07 PM.

FDNY gave a PowerPoint presentation on a new charging station that will be installed on the corner of Astor Ave and Boston Rd for Ambulances. Ambulances must keep their engines running for the entire shift. Engines continue to run while an ambulance is idle waiting for a call, leading to higher emissions.

The charging stations are a little smaller than the muni-meters. The charging stations will be installed in other parts of the city. Location is chosen depending on where they currently park and wait for calls. Con Edison lines also play a part in where the stations are located. The location will be on a corner and will take 1.5 car spots away. There will be signs installed designating the parking for Ambulances only.

When an ambulance arrives at the location, a cable will extend to the ambulance to start the charging. When the ambulance receives a call, the EMS employee will turn on the ambulance and charging will automatically stop. The cable will be retracted without requiring the EMS employee to come out of the ambulance. The time it takes for the cable to retract will be two minutes. A committee member raised a concern regarding a high school nearby

and possible tampering with the cable while it is being retracted. The presenter advised that the station and cable are safe, and will lock if any tampering is sensed.

The FDNY representatives asked for a letter of support for the installation of the charging station. A vote was taken in support of the installation of the charging station and was unanimously passed with no further discussion.

We thanked the FDNY representatives for the presentation and they left.

The second part of the meeting was spent addressing the number of 911 calls coming from 1500 Waters Pl. The location is guarded by NYS correction officers who have the authority to make arrests and process individuals but choose to call 911 and hand it to the NYPD, thus taking resources away from the rest of the community. The location is averaging two 911 phone calls a day. Most of the phone calls involve emotionally disturbed persons.

A meeting was set up with the 1500 Waters Pl and the NYPD. The meeting will occur on October 26 at the community board office. The purpose of the meeting is to look for possible solutions to address the resource drain.

After the NYPD left, the committee members discussed where and what they would like to see come out of the public safety committee. The job of the committee members will remain the same, but new goals are possibly needed for changing times.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Yahay Obeid and formatted by Staff