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Public Safety Committee
 November 16, 2021
 Webex Meetings

MINUTES

PRESENT: Veronica Castro (Chair) and Maleny Lahoz

EXCUSED: Yahay Obeid

ABSENT: Tasneem Aljajyousi and Eliezer Rodriguez

STAFF: Jeremy Warneke (District Manager)

GUESTS: Crime Prevention Officer Tyrone Mederos (49th NYPD Precinct), Naomi Pemberton (BxCB11 Board Member) and Kay Cardona, Roxanne Delgado, Diana Finch, Yadhira Gonzalez, Sergio Marte, Robert Press, Sammy Ravelo and Daniel Sun (members of the public)

Meeting called to order at 7:13 p.m.

1. 49th NYPD Precinct Briefing
 - Officer Mederos reported the following:
 - a. Crime has increased about 15.3 % in crime from this time last year. 1,212 complaints so far compared to 1,051 complaints last year
 - b. Biggest driver of complaints is grand larcenies of automobiles with 231 complaints this year compared to 161 complaints at this time last year (42% increase). For the last 28 days, there has been an increase of 40% in grand larcenies of automobiles compared to this period last year. 28 complaints this period compared to 20 complaints last year. 435 of these complaints are driven by unattended vehicles: people leaving their vehicle on and walking away
 - c. Second biggest driver of complaints is robberies with an increase of 26% from this time last year. 194 complaints so far this year compared to 154 this this last year. Biggest driver of the robbery complaint come from domestic violence incidents. Next big driver of robberies is from retail locations
 - d. Burglaries have decreased 11%. 135 complaints so far this year compared to 152 complaints this time last year.

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- e. R. Press inquired if an estimate could be given about the amount of crimes that go unreported. Officer Mederos confirmed that it would be impossible to give an estimate of unreported crimes.
- f. R. Delgado inquired if there is crime in parks how are they reflected in the stats.
Officer Mederos stated there is a category of crime that happens in parks and outside of parks. Ms. Delgado would like to receive this info via email.
Further discussion took place between Ms. Delgado and Officer Mederos.
- g. D. Sun frequents the Bronx River Dog Run but the issue is there are no lights on the block. He has been working with elected officials and Parks Dept to get a long-term solution but it will probably take a while to get it. Inquired if there were temporary resources that could be put in place. Officer Mederos stated there would not be any through the NYPD but maybe community board could reach out to Bronx Commissioner of DOT to lend one of their portable light generators.
- h. D. Finch inquired about an assault that happened the prior week on White Plains Road near North entrance of the 2 train near Dunkin Donuts and wanted to know if the MTA shed had anything to do it. Officer Mederos stated the only assault in that area that he is aware of involved 2 Columbus students that were jumped at that location. He has not heard about anything else in that area. Ms. Delgado was able to provide info regarding an incident that occurred near the barber shop.
- i. Y. Gonzalez expressed concern about the drag racing that is happening at the Home Depot and Eastchester Road.
Officer Mederos confirmed there have been a lot of complaints regarding this type of activity. Home Depot does not lock the gates because they have overnight deliveries. The issue is enforcement for drag racing requires an officer needs to be certified in Speed Enforcement. There are not many officers in the 49th Precinct that have the certification. He will iterate to the Commanding Officer that this activity is ongoing.

2. Gallery Session

R. Delgado stated she requested the June meeting minutes, but they were not provided to her.

V. Castro stated she had recently provided the minutes to the board office and would request a copy be sent to her.

Further discussion took place regarding e-scooters.

S. Ravelo inquired if the Commanding Officer has a weekly meeting with supervisors at the command. Officer Mederos said that there is a monthly supervisor meeting not a weekly one.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Minutes by V. Castro; edited and formatted by J. Warneke.