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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE / YOUTH SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Friday, November 30th, 2012 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Introduction of guest and committee members
- II) Tracer Methodology for violence in our community:
 - A) Bronx residents are shocked at the shooting/killing of boxing great Hector "Macho" Camacho. This killing sparked the attention of Puerto Ricans all throughout the Borough
- III) Profiling Stop and Frisk:
 - A) Committee addressed the need for awareness towards the Laws regarding Stop and Frisk which were describe in a case study
- IV) NYPD:
 - A) Block Watch Program continues to be explored to strengthen Police and Community relationships. Committee identified Brothers Uniform supply store for NYPD Plaques and Commendation Letters to present to Officers for their outstanding service
- V) GANG awareness initiative explored and the presence of idea of having Violence Interrupters in the community. "Tiny" President of the Casanova Black Spades spoke during the meeting and made reference to the changes in the Gang culture where many gang members are trying to do positive things in the community and stop the violence
- VI) Continued planning for a Public Hearing on the preparedness for a disaster "Natural or Not". What to do during a Hurricane:
 - A) Post Sandy, Agencies such as CERT, FEMA and others are able to receive government funding and grants to for cleanup projects along with Con Edison hiring for temporary employment due to the storm and need to restore power to communities left without electricity
- VII) Public "Street Re-Naming" on Fordham Rd in District 7 at Bainbridge Avenue planning to honor Carmen Lozada Ahmed who resided in our District and worked for 19 years at ST Barnabas Hospital. The anticipated finalization of the proposal for the street naming is in the first cycle of 2013 in the month of April
- VIII) Chairperson W. Bell attended the Public hearing at DeWitt Clinton HS for the Youth, Public Safety & QOL Committees in support of the youth in our community not wanting the school to close. The students of DeWitt Clinton HS and their Alumni turnout were overwhelming. The Community showed support for the school and identified the plethora of problems that can and will occur if the school were to close
- IX) CB7 is awaiting the update on the BCS Byrne's grant



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- X) CWF speakers presented a plan for requesting a Public hearing to address the needs of Veterans in our community anticipated for the month of February
- XI) WESDA addressed the planning of a workshop for Domestic Violence awareness and request support from CB7 to be a stakeholder in application for a grant with the Dept of Justice
- XII) Overwhelming support from the committee and guest for the Free Fish Fry Friday's as a Membership Drive at the Saint James Recreation Center
- XIII) Public Safety Committee discusses the Motion for honoring the seniors in our community. Kingsbridge Houses identified a 92 year old in there housing unit
 - A) Questioned: Who is the oldest person in District 7??
 - B) Theme: "Respect Your Elders" Quality of Life Initiative for a Dinner and Dance also Meet and Greet Congressman Charles Rangel
- XIV) Meeting adjourned

The Public Safety Committee would like to thank all attendees, as well as the press for their concerns in the community.