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### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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## **YOUTH SERVICES / PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Friday, December 21, 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 response from the NRA president over the shootings asking for more guns to be in the schools
  - B. The school system is traumatized and has parents in the Bronx on full alert for the safety and security of their children requesting for emergency contingency plans and safety procedures in case of a shooting
- III. Profiling - Stop and Frisk:
  - A. Guest speakers presented the idea of color playing a major role with the perpetrators of gun violence being overlooked by Caucasians
  - B. Laws regarding Stop and Frisk which were described in a case study
- IV. NYPD:
  - A. Block Watch Program continues to be explored to strengthen Police and Community relationships
  - B. Community representative have proposed to use mobile units to help with the Block Watch initiative
  - C. The Brothers Uniform supply store will be used for the NYPD Plaques and Commendation Letters to present to Officers for their outstanding service
- V. GANG awareness explored and the presence of having Violence Interrupters in the community. "Tiny" President of the Casanova Black Spades spoke during the meeting and made reference to the Black Spades being the first security company for the HIP HOP community in the Bronx. The safety changes in the Gang culture have many gang members converting to non-violence and doing positive things in the community
- VI. Continued planning for a Public Hearing on the preparedness for a disaster "Natural or Not":
  - A. What to do during a Hurricane
  - B. Post Sandy CERT, FEMA and other agencies 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":
  - A. Fordham Road in District 7 at Bainbridge Avenue. The Committee is planning to honor Carmen Lozada Ahmed "TI TI" who resided in our District and worked at St. Barnabas



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- Hospital for 19 years helping the underserved, underinsured and unrepresented people of the Bronx.
- B. The anticipated finalization of the proposal for the street naming is in the first cycle of 2013 in the month of April
- VIII. Clinton High School:
- A. 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 there Alumni turnout was 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. Columbia University Professor Chris Emdin, Ph. D. is willing to support our community with the idea of using HIP HOP's scientific and therapeutic formulas as resolutions to the problems that surround our Youth
- IX. Mr. Marques Payne reported the update on Bronx Community Solutions not being awarded the Byrne's grant for 2012
- X. VA Hospital Director will be on the panel for the planning of the Public hearing to address the needs of Veterans in our community anticipated for the month of February
- XI. WESDA:
- A. 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 Department of Justice"
- XII. Free Fish Fry Friday's:
- A. Membership Drive at the Saint James Recreation Center had overwhelming support from the committee and guests
- XIII. Public Safety Committee discusses the Motion and planning for honoring the seniors in our community. The youth and other volunteers committed to identify the Elders in the community
- 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 and the press for their concerns in the community.