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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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YOUTH SERVICES / PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Friday, January 25th, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Introduction of guests and Committee members
- II. Tracer Methodology for the gun violence in our community that resulted in the killing of 2 people on Perry Avenue entering the New Year
- III. Stop and Frisk:
 - A. Guest speakers presented the Public School system as being identified for target areas for Stop and Frisk. The laws regarding Stop and Frisk continue to be monitored and case studies evaluated for improvement
- IV. NYPD:
 - A. Block Watch Program continues to be explored to strengthen Police and Community relationships. Community representative have proposed to use mobile units to help with the Block Watch initiative. The Brothers Uniform supply store has NYPD Plaques and a letter of Commendation will be presented to Officers for their outstanding service
- V. GANG awareness discussion and the presence of having Violence Interrupters in the community continue to be explored. "Tiny" President of the Casanova Black Spades spoke during the meeting and made reference to the rebirth of positive conscious rap coming from the Bronx community. Chairperson Mr. Bell proposed to have a movement to call for "HIP HOP against Gun Violence" and identified the need for safety changes in the Music Industry assessing the glorification of guns, illicit drug use and promiscuity as evidence by the recent attempt to kill one of HIP HOP's biggest rappers Rick Ross in Florida. Incidents like what happen to Rick Ross follows a viscous pattern of behavior that are cause for why many young people distance themselves from the culture of HIP HOP converting to Pop and other non-violent genre that are able to role model positive self-images and come back into the community to do positive things contributing to improving its quality of life
- VI. Continued planning for a Public Hearing on the preparedness for a disaster "Natural or Not". What to do during a Hurricane: Post Sandy CERT, FEMA and other agencies are able to receive government funding and grants to for cleanup projects
- VII. Public "Street Re-Naming" on Fordham Road in District 7 at Bainbridge Avenue planning to honor Carmen Lozada Ahmed "TI TI" who resided in our District and worked for 19 years at St. Barnabas Hospital helping the underserved, underinsured and unrepresented people of the Bronx. The anticipated finalization of the proposal for the street naming is in the first cycle of 2013 in the month of April



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- VIII. Guest Speaker Ricardo Grange presented a proposal to have an event for Father's Day at the St. James Park anticipated for June 16th, 2013 teaming up with Columbia University Professor Chris Emdin, Ph. D. 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 by issuing a contest to all Public Schools in our District. The contest will be to recite the Periodic Table of Elements. Mr. Grange committed to give a full presentation to CB7 Chairman Paul Foster and the Executive Committee
- IX. WESDA addressed the planning of a workshop for Domestic Violence awareness and requests a letter of support from CB7 to be a stakeholder in application for a grant with the Dept of Justice. "
- X. Overwhelming support from the committee and guest for the Free Fish Fry Friday's as a Membership Drive at the ST James recreation Center
- XI. Public Safety Committee continues discussion on 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
- XII. Meeting adjourned

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