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YOUTH SERVICES / PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Friday, February 22nd, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Introduction of guest and committee members
- II. Tracer Methodology for the gun violence in our community has reduced in the last month however a rash of robbery attacks at Bronx bus and subway stations have increased
- III. Stop and Frisk:
 - A. Guest speakers presented the Public School system as being identified for target areas for Stop and Frisk while an isolated incident where an abduction attempt was committed outside of an Elementary within CB7. The NYPD is investigating the incident.
 - B. The laws regarding Stop and Frisk continue to be monitored and case studies evaluated for improvement.
 - C. Undercover detectives are scanning the area of Saint James Park looking for a perpetrator who ran into the Park to escape from being caught after robbing people at gunpoint in the community
- 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 has NYPD Plaques and a letter of Commendation will be presented to Officers for their outstanding service
- V. GANGS:
 - A. GANG awareness discussion and the presence of having Violence Interrupters in the community continue to be explored
 - B. The rebirth of positive conscious rap coming from the Bronx community and the need for a movement to call for "HIP HOP against Gun Violence".
 - C. Identifying the need for safety changes in the Music Industry assessing the glorification of guns, illicit drug use and promiscuity as evidence by the killing of a Vegas rapper in a drive by shooting shortly after the recent attempt to kill one of HIP HOP's biggest rappers, Rick Ross in Florida.
 - D. Shooting incidents like what is happening to these artists in Hip Hop are the 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



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- come back into the community to do positive things contributing to improving its quality of their life
- VI. Continue planning for a Public Hearing on the preparedness for a disaster "Natural or Not"
- A. What to do during a Hurricane: Post Sandy CERT, FEMA and other agencies are able to receive government funding and grants for cleanup projects
- VII. "Street Re-Naming":
- A. 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 Saint 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
- VIII. Guest Speaker Abdul "Sleep" Johnson:
- A. Presented to the community a press release for "CBALL" to have with all the Youth Chairpersons on the Community Boards in the Bronx at the Saint James Recreation Center on 3/15/13 at 7pm to 9pm. The press release will be in conjunction with the anticipated event for Father's Day 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.
- IX. WESDA:
- A. Addressed the new "IPV" Law incorporated to address Intimate Partner Violence for people in the LGBT community not married. WESDA continues to plan a workshop for Domestic Violence awareness and informed of CB7 approval to provide a letter of support for a grant with the Department of Justice
- X. Overwhelming support from the committee and guest for the Free Fish Fry Friday's as a Membership Drive at the Saint 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 who attended the meeting and the press for their concerns in the community.