

THE CITY OF NEW YORK

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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YOUTH SERVICES / PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Friday, March 29, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Introduction of guest and committee members
- II. Tracer Methodology:
 - A. Violence in our community has presented itself in our school system at M.S.80 where a 14 year old girl was beaten
 - B. The topic of Bullying and Youth Violence from many participants in the meeting has led to having a more in-depth discussion and public forum to address the need for Non Violence

III. Stop and Frisk:

A. 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
- 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. GANG Awareness:

A. Discussion and the presence of having Violence Interrupters in the community continue to be explored

VI. "HIP HOP against Gun Violence":

- A. 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" identifying the need for safety changes in the Music Industry
- B. The International Hip HOP Parade is to be held in the Bronx which the Bronx is identified as the Birthplace of HIP Hop and Borough of Creativity. The HIP HOP Parade is designed role model positive self-images and come back into the Bronx community to do positive things contributing to improving the quality of life

VII. Public Hearing Planning:

- A. Continue to plan for a Public Hearing on the preparedness for a disaster "Natural or Not"
- B. 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



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VIII. Street Renaming:

A. Public "Street Re-Naming" on Fordham Rd 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 undocumented and unrepresented people of the Bronx to receive health care

IX. Guest Speaker:

- A. Abdul "Sleep" Johnson presented to the community his appreciation to CB7, St. James Park Recreation Center and community residents for allowing CBALL to have its press release
- B. Informed the committee of the support he received from the Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

X. Father's Day Event:

- A. The anticipated event for Father's Day is June 16th, 2013
- B. 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. There will be a contest to all Public Schools in our District. The contest will be to recite the Periodic Table of Elements

XI. WESDA:

A. Committed to be part of the Panel for Anti-Bullying and Youth Non Violence Forum and identified the need for Youth Empowerment to foster change in the community

XII. Free Fish Fridays:

A. Overwhelming support from the committee and guests for the Free Fish Fry Friday's as a Membership Drive at the St. James recreation Center

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