

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, April 26, 2013 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Introduction of guest and committee members
- II. Tracer Methodology:
  - A. A scheduled date for the Anti-Bullying and Non Violence Youth Forum has been set for 5/17/13 and members of the community committed to participate and reach out to others that have been exposed to Bullying.
  - B. A panel has been developed that encompass the 4 pillars that make up community (Family, School, Work and Faith). 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 Youth Non Violence.
- III. Stop & Frisk:
  - A. The laws regarding Stop and Frisk continue to be monitored and case studies evaluated for improvement "HIP HOP against Gun Violence":
- 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. 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.
  - C. Al Pizarro requests a Letter of Support from Community Board 7 to have the Parade in the Bronx



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- VI. Public Hearing:
  - A. 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. Street Renaming:
  - A. 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 undocumented and unrepresented people of the Bronx receive health care
- VIII. Guest Speaker, Abdul Sleep Johnson:
  - A. Guest Speaker Abdul "Sleep" Johnson presented to the community the need for a tour throughout the public schools in the Bronx for Anti-Bullying and Youth Non-Violence sponsored by Angelo Ellerbee CEO for Double Exposure
  - B. R&B young sensation TreVante will perform at the schools promoting Anti-Bullying
  - IX. FREE Fish Fry Fridays:
    - A. Overwhelming support from the committee and guests for the Free Fish Fry Fridays as a Membership Drive at the St. James recreation Center
  - X. Adjournment

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