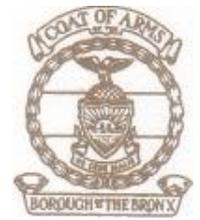




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## Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee

<b>Chair</b>	Dilletta Pina
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday, February 14, 2019
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	7:00pm
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Bronx Community Board 7 Office
<b>Members (Check Those In Attendance)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dilletta Pina <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yajaira Arias <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stanley Richards <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helene Redd <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adaline Walker Santiago <input type="checkbox"/> Tiffany Wheatland-Disu
<b>Minutes Done By:</b>	Dilletta Pina

**Minutes:**

**I. Introductions**

**II. Review of last month's minutes**

**III. Follow-up from previous month**

**IV. New Business**

- a) We received a noise complaint about the parking lot at the Target on 225<sup>th</sup> Street. Apparently some people have been parking in the parking lot at about 9 P.M. and get very loud. This noise is heard across the street in the residential buildings.
  - 1. PO Echevarria reported that NYPD is aware of this issue and has been proactive in notifying the NCO's in that area to patrol said parking lot. Additionally, the phone number for one of the NCO's in that area was provided to the reporting resident. The officers advised the reporting resident to call the NCO as soon as the offenders park in the lot and start making noise. This way the officers, hopefully, will catch them in the act and speak with them.
- b) As a follow up to last month's meeting, the Committee Chair reported that the Transit Division has done an outstanding job addressing the problem with the MetroCard swipers at the D train station on 205<sup>th</sup> Street and Perry Avenue and at the #4 train station at Kingsbridge and Jerome Avenues.
- c) Our Guest Speakers David Caba, Program Director for B.R.A.G., and two of his Supervisors Michael Rodriguez and Idelfonso Oquendo were very informative about their program.



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1. B.R.A.G. stands for Bronx Rises Against Gun Violence and their mission is to cure violence in our borough.
2. Their main focus is to identify high-risk individuals between the ages of 16 to 25 years old to change both their thinking and behavior regarding the consequences of using violence to resolve differences, gain respect, or meet one's needs.
3. They provide mental health, addiction and family services, and job training and placement. They also mediate in schools in collaboration with the Department of Education. Additionally, they provide legal services such as, criminal, civil, and juvenile services.
4. They work with the NYPD to cure violence which in turn keeps the youth they serve, the police officers, and the community residents safer. So, this is a triple win for all. Of course, they maintain a strict confidentiality with their participants because if they lose credibility, their program will not work. So, while they collaborate with the NYPD, they do not violate the trust of their participants by sharing confidential information with the NYPD. They also work with the pastors in the communities they serve.
5. They also have safe recreational activities for their group participants were they take them out of the neighborhoods they are used to and travel with them to places they have never been before to expand their universe. The participants are then shown other ways of life and shown how they too can live in different, peaceful environments.
6. Their program is funded by the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. For more information you can email:  
[david\\_caba@goodshepherds.org](mailto:david_caba@goodshepherds.org)

#### V. Future Events

- a) 52nd Precinct Community Council Meeting on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 7 P.M. Location: Scott Towers 3400 Paul Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467



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**VI. Suggestions for next month's agenda**

- a) Joint meeting with the committees for Environment and Sanitation and Economic Development and Long Term Planning

**VI. Next month's meeting date:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 7 P.M.

**VII. Adjournment**