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PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair	Dilletta Pina
Meeting Date:	Saturday, April 6, 2019 Public Safety Forum
Meeting Time:	10am-12pm
Meeting Location:	St. James Recreation Center 2530 Jerome Avenue

Agenda:

- I. Introductions**
- II. Review of last month’s minutes**
- III. Follow-up from previous month**
- IV. New Business**

a) The Public Safety Resource Fair put together by the CB7 Public Safety and Quality of Life Committee and held at the St. James Recreation Center was very well received by the community residents.

1. We had various organizations participate and the event was sponsored by NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera. The Senator even came by and addressed the crowd and stayed a while talking to the community residents individually. We want to acknowledge all the help we got from the Senator’s Staff, especially from Rachel Ferrari who backed us up from the moment we approached her about sponsoring the event and she made sure that we got what we needed.
2. Jason Caraballo, MPA, Community Relations Manager of the Montefiore Office of Government and Community Relations was extremely helpful in getting two important departments to table the event. The Children’s Hospital at Montefiore was represented by Jill Samuels, MBA, Program Administrator of the Lead Poisoning Prevention and Treatment Program. The other Program was the Montefiore Hospital Opioid Overdose Prevention Program represented by Carey Vega, Program Manager.
3. The North Central Hospital was represented by Gloria Bent who had an exhibit about the detrimental effects of sugary drinks on the body and the importance of a healthy diet. The Executive Director, Cristina Contreras, also attended the event.



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4. The American Red Cross also had a table at the event and Roxana Petzold, Response Manager of the Disaster Cycle Services was representing the organization.
5. The FDNY was represented by Adam Lessuck, Bronx Borough Manager and Military Outreach Coordinator of the office of Community Affairs.
6. The NYPD was represented by the Officers of Sectors A, Officers David Rodriguez and Mark Preira and B, Officers Jose De Leon and Shawn Romero.
7. NY Connect Bronx Independent Living Services was represented by Ms. Nadreca Reid.
8. Bronx Against Gun Violence (B.R.A.G.G.) was represented by two of their Supervisors sent by Director David Caba.
9. The Social Security Administration sent plenty of informational materials that we provided to the attendees.
10. One of our 52nd Precinct Community Affairs Officer, Crystal Reveron (who also teaches at Monroe College) brought a group of her students to the event so they could see firsthand how the community is exposed to positive events that bring the residents together.
11. The Public Safety & Quality of Life Committee held a free raffle of three first aid kits. One of the kits was won by Doug Condit, one of our most active Norwood residents. The other two kits were won by two of the young students from Monroe College who were pleasantly surprised that they won something.
12. This event would not have been possible without the Administration of the Recreation Center. The Administration was very helpful and collaborative in our efforts to make this a successful resource fair. They provided us with the space, the tables and chairs, and set up the microphone for us, as needed.
13. We must recognize the Committee Members Yajaira Arias, Helene Redd, and Stanley Richards who made it to the event and cooperated with what was needed. We must thank CB7 Board Members Chad Royer and Lowell Green who came to give us their support.



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14. Robert Cabrera, a Norwood resident, volunteered to man the registration table and we are grateful to him. We want to give a special acknowledgement to our CB7 Board Chair Person, Jean Hill who has shown great leadership ability reflected in the people she has appointed to be committee chairs. She made sure to be present at our Resource Fair to give us her support and we know how busy she is always and we are very grateful to her.
15. The committee is very appreciative of Ischia Bravo, CB7 District Manager, who helped throughout all phases of the planning, including designing our great flyer. We also must commend the CB7 Staff Londy Ramirez and, especially, Michael Rosario. Mr. Rosario and the Committee Chair were in almost daily communication during the event planning and Mr. Rosario was always helpful, courteous, and very patient.
16. I, personally, want to commend any Committee Chair that puts together an event for the community. It is a lot of work and planning to make sure that everything falls into place. So, again, I ask that every member volunteer to help in the events. The committees do need the help and we should be supporting the Committee Chairs, especially someone who is Chairing a committee for the first time.
17. We, all the CB7 Members, should be very proud that now we have a cohesive and collaborative Board.

- V. **Next month's meeting date:** Thursday, May 9, 2019
- VI. **Discussion on next month's agenda**
- VII. **Adjournment**