

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD #7

JANUARY 20, 2016

Mr. D. Murphy introduced Mr. Novek from the local CERT Team who made a presentation regarding emergency preparedness. Mr. Novek spoke about who the CERT Team is made of. He stated that the CERT Team is available in case of an emergency or a disaster. He mentioned the kinds of items that should be in a "Go bag", and the importance of making a plan and putting together a list of important numbers. He mentioned there were fliers further explaining what should be done in case of an emergency or disaster.

Mr. D. Murphy asked what were 5 things that should go in the "Go bag"? Mr. Novek response: water, food, phone numbers, toilet paper, items of clothing and a flash light.

Mr. D. Murphy introduced Capt. Perez from 72nd Pct. Capt. Perez reported that crime has gone down. He also stated that in April they will begin a new program called Neighbor Based Policing. The Pct. will be assigning Police Officers to certain areas, to have them get more involved in those areas in order to have a positive interaction with the community. The officers will be educated on the community's needs.

Mr. Zuniga asked how they will determine where the police officers will be assigned. Capt. Perez stated that they are currently working on the sectors for these officers. Mr. Zuniga suggested they remain in contact with the community board as to their progress with the program.

Ms. Melman asked what areas they are going to cover. Capt. Perez stated that they will be covering Sunset Park and Windsor Terrace.

Ms. Botti requested that once this program is in place that they come back and give the board an update.

Sgt. Divito from the Domestic Violence Unit spoke about what his unit does and about the multi-language officers that are in the unit.

Mr. D. Murphy stated that he will be sending out a letter to all the board members on how important it is to attend meetings.

Mr. D. Murphy opened the meeting.

Mr. Pol made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. T. Murphy seconded the motion. Mr. O'Donnell made a motion to adopt the board meeting minutes of 12/16/15. Ms. DeSapio seconded the motion.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Jonas from Senator Montgomery's Office reported that there are fliers with the schedule of the legislative hearings. He also stated that there are open positions available at the Brooklyn Navy Yard for all youth wanting to work during the summer.

Ms. Granshaw from Borough President Adam's Office reported that she had brought their newsletter and it covers all the good events that they have covered. She spoke about how the Borough President held New Year's Eve at Coney Island and how successful it was. Ms. Granshaw read the names of all the board members that are up for reappointment. She stated that they, along with anyone interested in applying can now do so online. Mr. Jasie thanked her for the tickets for the hockey games. Ms. Granshaw stated that they still have some available. There was discussion on how vacancies on the board are filled.

Mr. Estrada from Councilman Menchaca's Office reported that on 1/17/16 they held a "Know Your Rights" immigration event at St. Michaels. They partnered with several agencies. He stated that there will be another event on 1/23/16 at P.S. 24 from 9am-12pm.

Ms. Shah talked about how the raids are being portrayed. Ms. Rey explained what the raids really are and how people have a misconception of what they are. There was further discussion on this issue.

Mr. Zuniga stated that there should be further meetings to better inform people.

Mr. Estrada reported that the Councilman along with the Borough President have contributed over \$600,000 each for the improvement and design of pedestrian lighting along 3rd Avenue. Mr. Estrada spoke about several meetings they have held. He also reported that the Councilman allocated \$100,000 for street sweeping. He stated that they are already out sweeping and they wear a red jacket with the word ACE on the back.

Mr. D. Murphy asked where they are sweeping. Mr. Estrada stated that he has solicited locations from the board and from the BID. They are looking to go for hot spots.

Mr. Ardula from Councilman Landers Office reported on traffic safety and on how curb side parking spots, curb walks and speed humps have been done to slow down speeding.

Mr. Carroll requested that the Councilman ask DOT when they come back to give an update on the speed humps, that they give a complete presentation on what they are going to do so that they can vote on them. Ms. Perlmutter agreed and asked that DOT present the board with a more comprehensive plan.

Mr. Fazio from Assemblyman Abbate's Office reported that the Assemblyman is up at Albany working on the budget.

Mr. Chiu introduced himself as Senator Hamilton's new Special Assistant.

Mr. Yang from the District Attorney's Office reported that as part of the City's Fast Track they have expedited the Buy Back Fire Arms cases in Brooklyn.

PUBLIC COMMENTE

NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Transportation Committee –TABLED

There was a brief discussion as to what happened at the last transportation committee meeting and what is needed during these meetings. Mr. Garcia commented that he wasn't prepared to report to the board because there were issues that weren't addressed. Mr. D. Murphy asked Mr. Garcia for a preliminary report on what happened at the meeting.

Mr. Jasie stated that the Transportation Committee will be meeting in February.

Immigration & Education Committee – Ms. Shah stated that they are reporting on 2 issues, the joint meeting with the Education Committee and the Mayor's Rights Event. Ms. Shah reported that both committees met to address the education needs in Sunset Park.

Mr. Zuniga reported on the town hall that was held. He stated that their main concern was finding sites for new schools. Mr. Zuniga stated that the committee felt the Chancellor was rude and condescending. They felt the Chancellor and her staff did not feel their concerns were important. He stated that they will continue to work with them and create a task force to identify sites and make sure that this is made a top priority in this community. He commented that the committee will be sending them a letter with points that need to be addressed and ask how DOE will be moving forward with the communities concerns.

Mr. Zuniga reported that the board identified a space on 3rd Avenue between 59th 7 60th Streets and Councilman Menchaca's office has worked to move the process forward to make this a viable site. He commented on an environmental study which was done and the outcome was positive to build the school on that site. The Council has voted on it and there are active negotiations with the owners to acquire the properties and build the school. Mr. Zuniga stated that as opposed to making it a 3 story school we should request a higher school to alleviate the overcrowding.

Ms. Rodriguez-Novoa spoke about how the overcrowding affects the quality of education the kids are getting.

Ms. Shah stated that there will be another meeting which the local principals will be hosting in a school. The committee is looking to get more community involvement. She stated that they have interpreters at their meetings in order to have the meetings well represented.

Ms. Rey asked about the Community Based Organizations that were involved in this meeting. Ms. Shah named the CBO's that were in attendance.

Ms. Shah reported that the second event was the Know Your Rights. She stated that Ms. Rey in partnership with Councilman Menchaca's Office organized the event. There was concern regarding the immigration raids that were happening nationally.

Ms. Rey stated that the community board has shown a lot of support toward the immigration issues within the community. Ms. Rey went on to speak about the issue of the raids and how her office has worked hard to address it. She spoke about how well it was attended and how many concerns and questions were answered. Ms. Shah stated there were about 160 people in attendance.

Mr. Zuniga stated that the community board paid for canvassing of the community.

Ms. Shah reported that on 2/4/16 there will be a joint Immigration and Public Safety Committee meeting.

Health & Mental Health – Mr. Carroll reported that in December NYU Langone attended and discussed the merger with Lutheran. They informed the committee that this would be an integration of the resources between NYU and Lutheran. Mr. Carroll stated that NYU informed the committee that no resources will be moved to Manhattan and that the merger would be completed by 1/01/16. Mr. Carroll commented that they will be investing a lot of money into Lutheran and its campuses. There was discussion on the services that will be coming into Sunset Park.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Laufer reported that on 1/04/16 he attended a meeting at St. Michaels regarding the Homeless Shelter located on 49th Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues; Samaritan Village and DOHS were in attendance. The main reason for this meeting was to discuss an event that occurred there at the end of December. One of the clients was harassing a resident that lives next door. They were concerned that the workers did nothing. The Pct. was called and the person was arrested. They are currently at about 100 clients, but they will be serving up to 150 clients. He went on to explain how they will be working the shelter.

On 1/6/16 Mr. Laufer along with Mr. D. Murphy met with the Asst. Commissioner from the Film Theater & Broadcasting agency at the Mayor's Office to discuss the various projects taking place in the community board; including Shades of Blue which donated \$20,000 to the community board. They discussed the issues of parking and how the production companies can be more supportive with the neighborhoods where they are filming.

Mr. Laufer stated that he met with Councilman Menchaca for a meeting that the Councilman set up with the School Construction Authority, CEC 20 and other Elected Officials to discuss the school that will be built on 3rd Avenue between 59th & 60th Streets. The school will be 5 stories

and will be a PreK – 8th grade school. They will have a large school yard with a secondary school yard for younger kids. He gave a brief description of the school.

Mr. Laufer reported that the Holiday Gift Drive was very successful this year; we were able to provide toys & clothing to more than 500 needy children. He thanked everyone who donated.

The Block Party Guidelines are available. There is only one change to the guidelines.

Mr. Laufer thanked Ms. Quinones for all the work that she did in keeping us informed on behalf of NYU/Lutheran and announced that it was Ms. Quinones last meeting. He stated that she did a tremendous job. Mr. D. Murphy commented that Ms. Quinones was appreciated for all her work.

Mr. Laufer reported that the office received 9 liquor license renewals/new applications and that the Comp Stats were on the back table.

Ms. Gonzalez asked for further information regarding the safety and the services that are being provided at the homeless shelter. Mr. Laufer informed her as to the steps the facility is going to take.

Mr. D. Murphy stated that the Land Use Committee will meet to further discuss the community board and communities concerns.

Mr. T. Murphy commented on how he used to work with Samaritan Village and how they are not providing all the information that is being asked for. He also stated that the site should be monitored and that they should be held responsible for what happens there.

Mr. Laufer stated that he has spoken with Councilman Menchaca to do a community wide meeting and take a tour of the site.

Ms. Botti asked how much notice the film company provides to the community board. Mr. Laufer stated they only give about 2 days before filming.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. D. Murphy reported that Mr. Goldberg has resigned from the board and is relocating with his family to Florida.

He also reported that during his meeting with the Mayor's Office he asked how other community boards dealt with the filming and what they received from these production companies. He commented that he stressed to them that the community board can help them find locations and that their contributions can be put to use. Mr. D. Murphy spoke about where some of the money which was donated from the filming of Shades of Blue were used.

Mr. D. Murphy stated that we will have a new recorder soon. Mr. Laufer stated that there is a process and it takes some time to purchase supplies for the office.

There was further discussion on how when filming companies come into the community they should contribute and be good neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Magidson stated that in 2014 the Parks Committee met to discuss the concerns of the use of glyphosate and the spraying of herbicide in playgrounds. She stated that in June, 2014 a letter was sent to the Parks Commissioner and the board never received a response. Ms. Magidson went on to say that she attended a meeting the previous week and was informed that they are spraying in certain parks. Mr. D. Murphy stated that the board will put together a meeting with the Parks Committee and the Parks Dept.

Mr. T. Murphy asked for the status of the Police Dept. moving from the building. Mr. Laufer stated that officially they should be moving in February but unofficially he said in April.

Mr. Zuniga stated that the board should stay in touch with the new developers for the old 68th Pct. because there are talks that they are planning on building condos.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Quinones thanked everyone for their support and that the reason she resigned was for personal reasons. She also mentioned that she still does not know who her replacement will be.

Mr. Pol stated that the board should send a letter to the Comptroller's Office because certain major banks are not accepting the NYC ID. Mr. Zuniga stated that this issue should be taken up at the next Immigration Committee meeting. There was a discussion on what banks were not taking the NYC ID.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

Ms. DeSapio made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Botti seconded the motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Ruiz
Secretary