Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 5, 2019  
Bronx-Manhattan North Association of Realtors  
1867 Williamsbridge Road

MINUTES

PRESENT: Yahay Obeid, Chair; Veronica Castro, Co-chair; Tasneem Aljayyousi; Estella Foley; and Elizer Rodriguez.

GUEST(s): Gene DeFrancis; James Brennan, BxDA's Office; P.O Stephen Brancatelli, P.O. Mujaj Butrint and P.O. Tyrone Mederos, 49th NYPD Precinct; and Moleny Lahez, CB11 applicant.

Meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

This was the second follow up meeting regarding shoplifting at local pharmacy chains. Over six pharmacies were invited to attend. As requested by the Public Safety Chairman, the District Manager of CB11 sent two emails to inform them of the meeting, the goal of which was to have the pharmacies present their concerns. Unfortunately, none of the pharmacies showed up.

Many items were discussed during the meeting, including:

- Trespassing notices
- Employee testimonials
- Communication improvement
- Organized shoplifting
- Physical force used during shoplifting situations
- Cameras being installed at face level
- Store designs, especially with high stock piling of merchandise

The Public Safety Committee plans to continue to hold meetings at different locations within CB11.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Yahay Obeid, formatted and edited by staff.