Public Safety Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, September 17, 2019  
Community Board 11 Office

MINUTES

PRESENT: Yahay Obeid, Veronica Castro, Tasneem Aljayyousi, Eliezer Rodriguez

EXCUSED: Maleny Lahoz

ABSENT: Joseph Schaentzler

GUEST: Gene DeFrancis, Michael Mercadante, Jill Shah, Maria Reschita, Robert Press, Efrain Gonzalez III

Meeting started at 7:07 pm.

The committee did a recap of last year's meetings.
- Successfully worked with CM Torres for NYPD cameras, although they were not installed in our district.
- Tour of 911 call center.
- Tour of FDNY firehouse on White Plains Rd and Morris Park Ave.
- Held a meeting at the 49th precinct
- Held a meeting at Sanz
- Worked with CM Gjonaj to coordinate a meeting with the Administrative Judge in the Bronx, The 49th precinct CO, and DA Clark to discuss theft at local pharmacies.

The committee discussed some goals for the upcoming year. The committee will focus on the following:

- Homeless shelters
- NYC Transit safety
- Working with NCOs
- 1500 Waters Place
- Scaffolding durations
- School safety and crossing guards

Chair, Yahay Obeid gave a summary of a meeting that was held with the CO on August 11th. Items discussed in the August 11th meeting include NYPD response times to crimes in progress. Currently the 49th precinct is tied with the second slowest response time citywide. Other items discussed was detective response times,
NYPD visibility in the neighborhood, and concerns about the safety at houses of worship.

The committee will continue to follow up with state and city elected officials on Federal government funding for houses of worship.

Old Business:
- CM Gjonaj was able to secure funding for an Auxiliary van specifically for the 49th precinct.

New Business:
- The flickering lights on a stretch of Pelham Parkway came up during the meeting.

- A resident had some concerns about FedEx tractor trailers driving down Sackett Ave to get to their storage facility on Bronxdale Ave. The trucks are damaging the roads and have to go over numerous street bumps on Sackett Ave.
- The resident also expressed concern about the lack of divider rails on Sackett Ave, stating that vehicles driver up to the fence (on dirt portion of roads). The vehicles leave garbage in that area, which then blows to his front yard.

- A question came up about sex offenders and how far they have to live from a school and how neighborhood concerns can be addressed. The committee plans to loop in Community Affairs to get their input.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm