

THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION COMMITTEE

Chair:	Victor R. Saldaña (PSQL) Betty Arce (ES)
Meeting Date:	Thursday, October 14, 2021
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Bronx Community Board 7 <u>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</u>
Members Present	PSQL: Victor R. Saldaña, Samantha Souvatzis, Marahine Sewbhajan, Lowell Green, Monjour Choudhury ES: Betty Arce, Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky, Gwen Thomas-Steed, Amira Mustapha

Minutes:

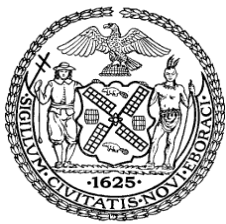
I. Introductions

- **Announcement of collaboration of PSQL and ES committees**

II. Public Safety and Quality of Life

- **NYPD Updates**

- Current trends on elderly theft with people being pushed down
- Grand Larceny Auto for past 2 years is up from cars that are left unattended while running
- Tentative Build the Block Meetings
 - ✓ Sector A: November 17, 2021 at 6:30PM
 - ✓ Sector B: December 15, 2021 at 6:30PM
 - ✓ Sector C: December 7, 2021 at 6:30PM
 - ✓ Sector D: November 23, 2021 at 6:30PM
- Recent changes to process regarding heroin users: as of last week is no longer illegal to have a heroin and needle: NYPD can not make an arrest
- Four shootings over the last 28 days: Two in Sector A and Sector D (these are ongoing cases with good leads)



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- Crime Prevention

- ✓ there has been rise on elderly assault please let community know to be vigilante
- ✓ Halloween is coming up please review treats and avoid children going out alone
- ✓ Additional safety tips will be posted to twitter and please reach to officer Acosta at NYPD 52nd Precinct

- Attempted bank robbery at 204th street and Perry Avenue was unsuccessful

- Some members of the public are very upset about people shooting up heroin in public: the process is to submit the complaint to 311 (NYPD will now be reaching out Project Hope for support)

- 203rd / 204th Street on Valentine Avenue "Green House" issue with group of guys: NYPD has done search warrants and narcotics team have arrested a person with active case. NCO Cepeda and Fernandez from Sector C will be testifying on the case in landlord tenant housing court to evict people from house – with the hope to legally remove them from that place

- Concern about safety problem on Mosholu parkway with overflow of the parking lot for NYPD 52nd Precinct: District Manager summarized/gave background to public about what CB7 has done for this request such as previous work on making precinct larger and fixing parking space for NYPD 52nd Precinct. NYPD is aware and works with supervisors to make sure to cars are moved as officers have no space to park

● **CB 7 FY23 Capital and Expense Request**

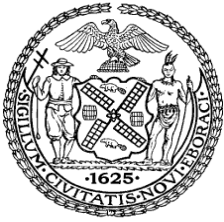
- Tracking Code: 107202220C: Provide a new NYPD facility, such as new precinct house or sub-precinct agreed by committee members

- Tracking 107202211E: Enhance Park safety through more security staff agreed by committee members

- Tracking 107202209C: Provider surveillance cameras agreed by committee members with addition to add them near parks

- Request for NYPD Capital request: Parking facilities by committee members

- **Senator Biaggi Office:** Senator introduced bill to create a task force on missing and murdered girls and women of color since persistent issue not taking seriously



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and families be supported by law enforcement and provider resources in place with task force to look at persistent issues working align with assemblyman Reyes

- **Bronx DA** – Erika will be reaching to DA to request attendance to General Board or PSQL November 2021 meeting to share more information how office is handling narcotic matters and service being provided to project hope

III. Environment & Sanitation

- The committee dispensed with all other items on the original agenda because guest speakers were not available and allow the committee the opportunity to discuss the CB 7 Budget Request priorities.
 - Sanitation and Environmental Issues
 - Committee agreed to retain all items currently in budget request
 - Additional items to be added are under consideration:
 - Request funding to retrofit hydrants so that only authorized personnel can open as needed. Currently hydrants can be opened at will by anyone with the appropriate tool, allowing for thousands of gallons of water to be wasted.
 - Funding to educate the community on helping controlling/eliminate the rat population by addressing poor or inadequate sanitation and garbage storage practices in our neighborhoods. An ongoing rat control/elimination program is necessary due to the increase in rat population. Similar to a free program offered by the City a few years ago for building supers and homeowners.

IV. **Next meeting date** – *Public Safety and Quality of Life November 11, 2021 and Environment and Sanitation : November 4 at 6:30 pm*

V. **Adjournment**