

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



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### PUBLIC SAFETY & QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Victor R. Saldaña
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Thursday, March 11, 2021
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
<b>Members Present</b>	✓ Victor Saldana ✓ Myrna Calderon ✓ Lowell Green
(Check those in attendance):	
Minutes done by:	Victor R. Saldaña

#### **Minutes:**

- I) Introductions
- II) Review of previous minutes (If applicable)
- **III)** Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)
- **IV)** Standing Items
  - a) Vandalism

Report of graffiti along James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center on Webb Avenue and Sedgwick Avenue between West Kingsbridge and West Fordham Road. When it gets reported there is no ownership as this is a federal property, further discussion is needed with VA police for next steps

- b) Noise
  - 1) Loud noise from revving vehicles (cars / motorcycles) along Bailey Avenue, and Sedgwick Avenue between West Kingsbridge Road and West Fordham Road
  - 2) Request for speed bumps along these streets for safety and deter these behaviors
  - 3) Complaints of noise at 117 Father Seizer Place (further discussion is needed)



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- c) Safety on streets and parks
  - 1) Motorcycles keep driving in the park with request of additional enforcement
  - 2) Cars are showing up on the district with what seems dummy license plate, there is request from public for better control / patrol as there is a safety risk and being not insured being a risk to other car owners
  - 3) Request for patrol of NYPD for motorcycles without license plates
- d) Parks issue to be brought up to Parks committee to discuss enforcement of rules with Park Safety and NYPD
- e) Street issues to be brought up to Traffic committee on best way to deter these behavior
- V) New Business
  - a) NYPD Graffiti initiative
    - 1) Graffiti Clean-Up campaign to encourage residents to share information about locations that need a clean up. Officers and community members will take that information and clean up areas of concern with newly created email address, <a href="mailto:graffiti@nypd.org">graffiti@nypd.org</a>, that will be monitored by NYPD and will allow residents to send photos of graffiti and sites that need cleaning up
  - b) Break-ins in the community don't only affect those whose cars have been broken in but other car owners as insurance rates could increase rates
  - c) Concern for sex trafficking on Jerome Avenue in our district, further discussion is needed with Bronx DA to see what could be done to solve this issue



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- d) Community groups are encouraged to reach out and work together with NYPD 52 to tackle many Quality of Life issues
  - 1) 3/25 Briggs Avenue (from Kingsbridge to E. 194<sup>th</sup>)
- e) Follow NYPD 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct on Twitter (@NYPD52Pct) for the latest information
  - 1) https://twitter.com/NYPD52Pct
- f) NYPD 52<sup>nd</sup> Precinct One Block at a time initiative for Community Board 7. Blocks will be identified
- g) New York Botanical Garden Bronx Neighbors Program (up to 4 complimentary admission tickets)
  - 1) <a href="https://www.nybg.org/bronx-neighbors-program-request-tickets-for-free-admission/">https://www.nybg.org/bronx-neighbors-program-request-tickets-for-free-admission/</a> (English)
  - 2) <a href="https://www.nybg.org/programa-para-residentes-del-bronx-solicite-sus-boletos-para-entrada-gratuita/">https://www.nybg.org/programa-para-residentes-del-bronx-solicite-sus-boletos-para-entrada-gratuita/</a> (Spanish)
- h) Request of elected officials to respond constituents concerns for quality-of-life issues
- VI) Next month's meeting date: Thursday, April 8, 2021
- VII) Discussion on next agenda
- VIII) Adjournment