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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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PUBLIC SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 4, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I. Attendance sheet in file
 - A. Members in attendance include: John Snider, Nilsa Cintron, Gregory Clarke, Sr., Carlos Gonzalez, and Marcos Sierra
 - B. Excused: Lynette Arroyo, Amjad Mujaahid
- II. Location of Meeting
 - A. Bronx Community Board 7 Office, 229-A East 204th Street
- III. Topics Discussed:
 - A. A community resident told the committee that the key for the light which the 52nd precinct has was stolen and the light was out of commission for several days. When he asked around what happened he was informed that certain individuals in the community stole the key.
 - B. A Community resident informed those present that there were multiple complaints in the area of 198th Street between Webster Avenue and Decatur Avenue affecting the quality of life. He commenced to mention how a certain establishment has been playing loud music and those going to it have disturbed residents in the area. The board chair requested that the guest put everything in writing and he would see to it that it would be properly addressed.
 - C. One board member stated that yes that was one subject which she also wanted address. The owner and his translator of the establishment in question attend this meeting and spoke up that they know several complaints have been placed regarding their establishment but they don't understand why. Also, that they weren't the only ones creating noise.
 - D. With that said, one board member spoke up and reiterated that he also has concerns about their establishment since he personally witnessed the disruptive atmosphere it has created this past year. Additional constituents spoke up to verify the fact that yes, there has been a down grade of quality of life this past year. Someone asked if the Block Watch system which was recently implement by the police department has helped at all. Yes, it has, but it seemed that it only focused on the barbecuing on Mosholu Parkway.
 - E. A community resident interjected that in order for change to come about the community must embrace changes coming to it. It was suggested that our elected officials take a stand on this issue, because much of the crime that happens within the community starts with the downgrade of quality of life. It was agreed that a meeting of elected officials will be attempted to sit down at a round table to discuss possible solutions for late January 2015.



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- F. Another constituent also spoke up that she believes that another establishment in that same section needs addressing. The committee will be addressing as many of these cases as they come. Unfortunately, many constituents don't place their complaints through 311 and they aren't documented. Many fear retribution if they speak up.
- G. Also in attendance was ACS, New York City Administration for Children's Close to Home Program. Introduction of staff was made by James Boyd, Jr. who is their Intergovernmental Affairs Associate. This program is geared for juveniles who have an issue with the law.

The program has three (3) levels of placement.

1. Non-secure
2. Limited secure
3. Secure

- H. All the young people who are enrolled in this program receive a full range of services which should enable them to better cope with the outside world. They are always monitored 24/7 and this service also assists them with their relationship with their families. The program is supposed to come into effect by early spring.

IV. The January 2015, Public Safety Committee Meeting date is still to be determined. For more information please visit our website at www.BronxCB7.Info/Calendar or contact the office at (718) 933-5650.

V. Meeting adjourned