



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK

## BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

### COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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DUSTIN ENGELKEN, DISTRICT MANAGER

## **PUBLIC SAFETY / QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 4, 2015 @ 6:30 PM**

- I. Attendance sheet in file
  - A. Members in attendance include: John Snider, Nilsa Cintron, Lynette Arroyo, Amjad Mujaahid, and Marcos Sierra
  - B. Excused members include: Carlos Gonzalez, Gregory Clarke, Sr.
- II. Opening:
  - A. Meeting started at 6:30pm. Committee chair, John Snider opened the meeting by introducing committee members and Community Affairs Officer John Deleon
  - B. Minutes from previous meeting were approved by board members
- III. Old Business:
  - A. A recap of the committee discussion on the dangers and impact of Synthetic Marijuana (K2) on the community and its residents. A comprehensive strategy would be pursued to raise the community awareness of the potential dangers of K2 especially on teenagers
- IV. New Business:
  - A. The committee recommended that a joint meeting of the Youth and Education, Health and Hospital committees form a joint task force to address the issue of Synthetic Marijuana; the committee person will make the recommendation at the February's Executive Board Meeting
  - B. The committee member, Lynette Arroyo, proposed that we start tracking noise complaints against restaurants and bars and hold them accountable especially when their liquor license comes up for renewal. Again, recommendation will be brought to the attention of the Executive Board at the February's meeting
- V. Public Safety and Quality of Life Long term Goals for 2015 and beyond:
  - A. Educate the residents of community board 7 on the 311 process and how to use it in conjunction with our local precinct in order to build a case against businesses and or other persons who are affecting the quality of life in our neighborhood
  - B. To bring awareness to the residents of community board 7 and beyond on the potentially dangerous effects of Synthetic Marijuana use and its impact on the community as a whole
  - C. To invite the Bronx DA's Office or possibility representatives from ACLU to provide an informational legal workshop on plea bargaining rights or other similar topics relevant to our community
  - D. To develop and implement a noise complaint system that tracks complaints against restaurants and bars; this would be especially useful tool as businesses are required to have a letter of recommendation from the board at liquor license renewal time
- VI. Meeting adjourned; Next Meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2015 @ 6:30pm