



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

# Public Safety & Transportation Committee

## Meeting Summary

### February 4, 2021

**Committee Chair:** Brandon Ganaishlal

**Vice Chair:** Isabelo Adames

Board Members Present: Brandon Ganaishlal, Isabelo Adames, Juan Torres, Shante Chamblee, DM Rivera

#### 1. Introduction

A. Committee Description: The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, NYC Department of Sanitation & NYS Liquor Authority.

Liquor Licenses \*All renewal applications were sent to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct.

- A. Mi Casita Lounge Inc., Renewal- Approved, currently closed due to COVID.
- B. Excelente Gil Cafeteria & Restaurant Coro, Renewal- Approved
- C. Saturina Inc., Renewal- Approved, currently closed due to COVID.
- D. Solimar, Renewal- Approved

#### 4. DM Update

- MLK event went well
- Actively doing COVID testing and testing will be at the shopping center in Bruckner Plaza
- Secured 100,000 antibody tests that will be donated to the district.
- Fatal fire happened in the district. DM Rivera is working with the family and will probably do a press conference for more help
- Youth Employment opportunities will be emailed to all Board Members.
- If any Board Members needs mask let DM Rivera know.
- Food distribution and pantry postponed this week due to the snow.
- DSNY snow cleanup went well on the streets.
- DM stated a better job needs to be done when it comes to cleanup of snow for the pedestrians.
- Third alarm fire happened at Westchester Avenue and St. Lawrence avenue that destroyed a lot of businesses. DM Rivera is working with owners on how to help.
- DM Rivera stated that he is seeing a lot of illegal plates, Sgt. Ortiz stated more towing is being done.

- DM Rivera stated that the community advisory board meeting at the 2008 shelter went well and there are not any issues.

### **Complaints/ Service Requests**

- Officer Keiyon Ramsey stated that an officer was shot in line of duty last week. Inspector Ramsey stated that he is doing well and thanked everyone for reaching out and their support. Anti- Loitering law was spoken about and Inspector Ramsey stated that the 43pct will use proper operations for this matter and it will be guided by community complaints.
- A complaint was brought up about trucks getting stuck under the subway after exiting cross Bronx. DM Rivera stated that this issue has been an ongoing problem for years and he has been working on it for years. Mr. Rivera has had meetings with DOT and state DOT. He requested for that exit to be closed to commercial vehicles. He will continue to revisit this issue to find a resolution.
- A complaint about an influx of people asking for money in the Parkchester/ metropolitan avenue area was brought up. These people are going into the bank as well to ask for money. DM Rivera states this is quality life issue, and no individual should be asking for money in front of the bank or in the bank. Sgt. Ortiz stated that 911 and 311 can be called. They will attend the situation and give right resources that are needed to individuals.
- A lot of cars are being parked by hydrants and blocking crosswalks since the snow. DM Rivera stated that these cars are supposed to be summoned and 311 can be contacted.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00 PM**