



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

November 3, 2022

Board Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Juan Torres, Brent Woodie, Julio Quinonez, Md Allaudin, Kristine Garcia, Lena Johnson

I. 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.

II. Speakers

A. Officer Henley, Officer Goree, and Chief Ortiz - Parkchester Public Safety

- Chief Charles Ortiz has been with Parkchester for 9 years, he was previous a NYPD Officer for 24 years as well as CO of the 43rd Pct.
- As per Chief Ortiz, cultural changes have happened within the agency, the agency went from reactive to proactive, now if you qualify to work with Parkchester Safety you also qualify for the NYPD
- Officer are now peace officers instead of security guards
- 1489 Metropolitan is the new headquarters facility, although the public doesn't have access to this location yet, after the elevator is completed there will be signage for the public to know they can come and visit. For now, 2000 East Tremont is where the public can go.
- NYC Peace Officers go through city training, finger printing, and random drug tests
- Peace officers are in a pilot program to arm officers, supervisors have been armed for 3 years already
- There are a lot of issues in Parkchester but not as much as neighboring developments due to security
- There's been a spike in robberies as of late and multiple arrest have been made, 6 arrests in last few months due to arms
- Any concerns from the community can be sent to Community Affairs Officers that report directly to Chief; Officer Brian Henley and Officer Patricia Goore are the 2 Community Affairs Officers:
- Patricia Goree PDPS/Community Affairs, (718)320-6092, Pgoree@parkchester.org: 9am-5pm Monday through Friday.
- Brian Henley PDPS/Community Affairs, 718-320-6039, bhenley@parkchester.org: 10am-6pm Monday through Friday
- Parkchester Dept Public Safety: (718)320-6050

- DM Rivera conducted site visit, he shared it is a beautiful facility and that Parkchester Public Safety is a private entity under Parkchester
- Some residents would like officers to conduct enforcement without witnessing the actual infraction, however, officers cannot issue city summonses or private summonses without having witnessed the violation
- First step to report an incident is to call 311 or 911 and then Parkchester Officers, Officers would respond immediately after 911 calls because they are on police radio
- Response times can vary depending on circumstances and urgent cases take priority
- Ongoing situations do general internal reports, however, more serious concerns that involve NYPD, reports are lead by NYPD
- Parkchester is in the process of onboarding so 43rd Pct knows to provide support when needed
- It doesn't matter if a resident is landlord or renter
- Public Safety Meetings were stopped due to covid and are awaiting determination of the board to move forward with meetings again; Previously there were 8 cluster meetings per month based on locations
- One of the Parkchester Community Affairs Officers or representative attends the 43rd Pct Meetings
- Parkchester Safety can issue administrative summons in violation of rules and regulation when dealing with animals in units

III. **New Business**

- A. DOHMH Pest Control, Notice Shared with Committee
- B. DOT-443084-H9S6 Request for a speed hump on Leland Avenue btwn Gildersleeve and O'Brien - (DENIED)
- C. DOT-526975-L6L7 Speed reducer - Cornell Avenue from Whiteplains Road to Leland Avenue - (DENIED)
- D. DOT-526974-D7M3 Speed reducer - Bronx River Ave from White Plains Road to Underhill Avenue - (DENIED)
- E. CB9 Car Share Program
- F. Proposed New Locations for LinkNYC Kiosks, Notice Shared with Committee
- G. DOT Academy Update shared by ADM Alonzo

IV. **DM Update**

- A. El Aguacate agreed to 12am restriction on Morrison Ave for SLA approval
- B. Clason Pt redesign of Park, CB9 and HOA are looking into that; CM Farias is trying to find camera budget that was previously approved for this area for added safety
- C. Prayer Vigil for 2165 Quimby Ave victims of the fire, this Sunday at 5pm
- D. Virtual Rat Academy is taking place on Nov 14th, from 6-8pm, RSVP:
<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/5639842/Rat-Academy-Registration?eventid=a1Q4V00000YT6CkUAL&Programname=Pest%20Control%20Services>

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