



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 7, 2018

Committee Chair: Brandon Ganaishlal

Board Members Present: Brandon Ganaishlal, Isabelo Adames, Juan Torres, Henry Pelayo, Kevin Kiernan and Kwabena Gabay

Board Members Not Present: Jennifer Ellisan Lackard and Cleneth Dais

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. Luis Garcia, School Renaming

- Request to rename street after Stevenson High School's Assistant Principal who passed away last year
- Assistant Principal Gladys De La Cruz went to Stevenson High School, Lehman College and City College of New York
- DM Rivera will speak with Ms. Reed and the school Principal to get more information regarding possibly naming a specific part of the school after Ms. De La Cruz
- There may be a need to present more school support for presentation to the board to request a letter of support
- The request for support will go to the full board and then the council member

III. Liquor License

A. Brisas de Caribe Restaurant

- DM Rivera took photos to present at the meeting. Restaurant owner is sick and was excused from coming to the meeting
- There was a broken a window incident but this does not have anything to do with the restaurant

- DM Rivera does not have any issues with this establishment

IV. **New Business**

A. **DM Updates**

- As per DM Rivera, we are getting a new office in 4-6 months
- There was funeral on February 9, 2019 hosted by the 43rd Precinct at the Ortiz Funeral Home for fallen individual on train
- As per DM Rivera, the 43rd Precinct will be getting 4 vans; 2 vans for PSA8 and a lot of cameras in the district, the hope is to try to fund as many as we can
- As per DM Rivera, the office gets service complaints as usual and sends to appropriate NCOs
- The individual who killed people on Castle Hill hasn't been apprehended and went down South
- The Reentry Committee will provide resources for those reentering the committee and will be under the Public Safety Committee
- As per Angela Laguer, Why couldn't it be under the Social Services Committee?
- As per DM Rivera, it was discussed with the Chairperson but this is the only time she can attend the meetings due to her schedule, eventually it will be under social services
- DM Rivera will meet with Sergeant soon and Sergeant will be attending DSC meeting

B. **Pugsley Creek Park**

- As per BM Kwabena Gabay, Pugsley Creek park is pitch black and there has been violence in that park
- NCOs patrol the area
- Residents complain about the lights in the park; lights would invite people into the park
- Pugsley Creek Park closes at 6 PM in the winter and 8-9 PM in the summer
- As per residents, there should be lights in the park after the assault or sensors which would light up as you pass by
- Solar lights is another option but these should be discussed in a meeting with the Parks Department and Parks Committee
- Hope is to allocate two more Parks officers (PEP Officers) for this park
- DM Rivera will do a walkthrough with the Parks Department and see what can be done
- Activity with lighting may be different from activity without lighting

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