

**COMMUNITY BOARD 17
4112 FARRAGUT ROAD
BROOKLYN, NY 11210**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
OCTOBER 26TH 2022**

ATTENDANCE

Jorge a. Tait
Pamela
Ralph Khawly
J Lewis
Bernadette Lee
Vanessa Quashie
Jessica Welch

Judith Aarons
Monica McKain Brown
Andre Beckford
Evrick Brown
Cathy Lovell
Adele Bennett
Audrey Henderson

The meeting of the Public Safety committee was called to order by the Chair of the committee, Ms. Jessica Welch. Ms. Welch greeted everyone and asked those present to introduce themselves. She informed the residents, she was appointed Chair of the Committee and encouraged everyone to participate and share feedbacks.

Chairperson's Report

Ms. Welch said her report will focus on crime in the community. As a result, there has been some shootings and Community Affairs officer was asked to attend the meeting, however, she did not receive a response. She asked everyone to be the eyes and ears of the community.

She also addressed "Truck Traffic" in the community, where trucks are using the local streets for delivery, especially Linden Boulevard, a location of complaint for many years. Homeowners were affected with broken sewer lines due to the heavy traffic in the area.

There were a number of suggestions from those present on how to address the issues:

- File large complaints with the mayor's office of Operations,
- File complaints with 311
- Take pictures and include with the complaints.
- Identify what the problems are in the areas of safety and use the power of numbers to achieve the goals

Mr. Jorge Tait said the trucks are in residential areas ignoring the signs. Complaints were made to both Sanitation and the Department of Sanitation and nothing has been done. The precinct is also not doing enough to enforce this request for the past 3-4 years. The committee needs to keep the pressure on.

Ms. Welch said it is important for officers from the 67th Precinct to be present at the meeting to address the residents' complaint. She said she spoke to Community Affairs and they did promise to attend.

There were complaints regarding catalytic converters being stolen from vehicles, to which Mr. Tait said the precinct handed out information on steps drivers can take, such as parking in a lighted area, near a video camera, etc. the information is also posted on the precinct's website and twitter. Most targeted cars are Mitsubishi. NYPD is also tagging the converters.

There were complaints regarding street lights, certain areas in the community is extremely dark, Troy Avenue, Farragut and Troy, Glenwood Road and how the committee can work together collectively to resolve the issue.

Package theft and illegal dumping remains an issue and community concern.

Mr. Andre Beckford told the members he will look into the geographical information system for New York City.Gov and prepare for the next scheduled meeting.

The Chair was advised to send a letter to the elected officials addressing the concern. Ms. Welch said she will send the information to the City Council and the Mayor's office of operations as a group.

Halloween and Safety for Community Kids

Suggestions

- Instead of having the kids going door-to-door maybe they should have a Halloween party at a community center or a school
- Have parents bring in treats, dress their children in costumes and watch a movie
- Family gathering instead of going out
- Request funding from elected officials for Halloween events

New Business:

Ms. Welch asked everyone to share what they would like the committee to work on for the remaining of the Fiscal year:

- Joint Forum with the Department of Transportation and NYPD to discuss what they do and distribute information to the community residents.
- Use funding to purchase safety materials such as, whistles, flashlights or items that can be used as incentive to encourage residents to participate in meetings and other events.
- Work on getting better representation from the 67th Police precinct. There has been poor representation so far.
- Engagement on other platforms that may interest the community residents and allow them to voice their opinions/concerns similar to twitter, or news and updates or a Twitter account for the Public Safety Committee.
- Making announcements in community churches
- Members need to participate in the Sector meetings.

Mr. Jorge Tait shared the sector information with those present

Ms. Fraser promised to obtain the full package on the sector meetings, including the maps and telephone number of the NCO's and share with those in attendance.

Adjournment.

There being no further questions or concerns, Ms. Welch asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made by Adel Bennett and second by Vanessa Quashie.