

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8 BRONX

MINUTES OF THE HEALTH, HOSPITALS, AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2008 AT THE BOARD OFFICE

PRESENT

Dr. Martin Katzenstein
Philip Friedman
Joyce M. Pilsner
Capt. Tom Dunleavy
Roger Montesano

AFFILIATION

Committee Chair, CB 8
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Bureau of Community Affairs, FDNY

A rendering of the proposed new EMS Station on East 233rd Street was distributed. Construction is to begin in October 2008 to be completed in 18 months (approximately April 2009).

Dr. Katzenstein requested that the committee be involved in all aspects since it is intended to serve Community Board No. 8 (CB8).

Community Board 8 now has 4 units and the stocking station at the 50th Precinct. The Committee requested that the stocking station be maintained at the 50th Precinct. Mr. Montesano suggested that CB8 add this item to the budget priority request. He will obtain the costs. However, he stressed that whether or not it stays, is determined by the police. The Emergency Services Unit may choose to use the space to park several larger vehicles.

Captain Dunleavy is in charge of station 19 at East 183rd Street and Jerome Avenue and the two (2) units at the 50th Precinct.

The plan is to relocate some of the White Plains area units and the 50th Precinct stocking area to the new facility for restocking and as primary base of operations.

The four units for Community Board 8 are currently located at: 246th Street, 254th Street, 242nd Street and Broadway, 232nd Street and Broadway. Captain Dunleavy and Mr. Montesano will bring the committee request to headquarters where they will determine if it makes sense operationally and politically. Mr. Montesano will speak to Mark Steffans who is the Bronx Commander for EMS 2 and convey the request for maintenance of the stocking station.

Dr. Katzenstein invited them to come to the next Board meeting to update the members. He also requested information about how many calls are received from the CB8 area. Those rated 1-2-3 are the most urgent priorities; 4 through 8 are lesser priority and of the 4 ambulances assigned to CB8, two are advanced.

Dr. Katzenstein asked about the possibility of a fifth ambulance for CB8 and was advised to add it to the committee budget priorities. Captain Dunleavy and Mr. Montesano will acquire the dollar amounts. However, they pointed out that at this time it would seem unlikely because of budget cuts. They also pointed out that there would be more supervision, a new captain, and more efficient operations when the new building is completed and fully staffed.

Submitted by,

Joyce M. Pilsner
Committee Member

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