

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
MINUTES: February 5, 2008

MEMBERS: Chair: Ken Jenkins; Legislators Bronz, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto, Rogowsky, Spreckman

IN ATTENDANCE: **DOT:** Lawrence Salley; **Yonkers Public Schools:** Bernard Pierorazio, Pasquale Piscirella; **CEO's Office:** Bill Randolph; **Westchester County Police Department:** Tom Belfiore, John Hodges; **Yonkers Police Department:** Sal DiMaggio, Chuck Gardner, Brian McCormack; **Yonkers Mayor's Office:** John Fleming; **Yonkers City Council's Office:** David Medranda; **Staff:** Sally Schecter

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Chair Jenkins discussed Item 5, the addition of 263 parcels to the Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District. The Committee is in the process of obtaining background information concerning the Yeshiva, Random Farms and Riverwoods Condominiums. It is the Chair's understanding that Random Farms system is failing and leaching into the Croton River, which runs into the Croton Reservoir and then the watershed area.

At the next meeting of the GO Committee, Tom Lauro, DEP Commissioner as well as Gina D'Agrosa from Planning, our (Water Mistress) will be invited to attend as well as any other interested people.

Chair Jenkins then invited everyone to join him at the conference table and asked that they introduce themselves. He explained the reason for this meeting was the result of an incident at Roosevelt High School. Because of this incident, staggered dismissal time has been suggested as well as changing the Getty Square stop. Commissioner Salley said in 2004, most of the bus routes into Getty Square were changed but the #6 was not as there are passengers other than students that need to use it. He has spoken to the Mayor and the school district and there is not much more that the County can do.

All the buses do not terminate in Getty Square – some do and others continue on. The students cannot be stopped from getting off the bus as the bus is public transportation – not a school bus.

Between 2:30 and 4 p.m. there are approximately 2000 students congregating in and around Getty Square. People are afraid to walk the streets and some merchants even lock

their doors. The police have to add 15 more policemen during this time and so far 31 students have been arrested.

There were various suggestions and discussion of different bus alternatives.

It was decided to have a sub-committee try and resolve this problem. Rich Stiller of the County DOT will head the committee with representatives from the Schools, the police, and the Mayor's office.

On the motion of Legislator Rogowsky, seconded by Legislator Pinto, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST