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Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

Hon. Jason Clark, Chair

Minutes Prepared by the Hon. Aarian Punter, Vice Chair

MINUTES

Committee and Board members in Attendance: Jason Clark, Aarian Punter, Raquel Vazquez, Jamilah Clark

Excused Absence: John Lynch, Keith Taylor

Guests: Timothy Harrell, Civilian Complaint Review Board, various members of the Harlem organization Street Corner Resources.

Meeting called to order at 6:41pm by meeting chair Jason Clark.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes from March 2017 minutes

Vote: Motion carried

Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on March 2017 approved with the singular modification of Jamilah Clark's name, which was misspelled.

Presentation by the Civilian Complaint Review Board:

Timothy Harrell, who is the Outreach Coordinator for Civilian Complaint Review Board ("CCRB"), met with members of the Public Safety Committee to discuss his role with the CCRB. As the Coordinator, Mr. Harrell and other members of the CCRB team investigate, mediate and sometimes prosecute obsessive behavior or abuse of authority of the NYPD Police Officers. The discussion was about the intake process and procedures leading to investigating complaints. Citizens who have complaints can look up information at www.nyc.gov/ccrb, go to 100 Church Street 10th floor, or call 1-800-341 (CCRB).

The CCRB holds monthly public meetings, and bi-monthly, the meetings are held at community locations in different boroughs. The CCRB will be conducting its next public meeting at DREAM Charter School, located at 1991 Second Avenue, NYC 10029 on Wednesday, May 10,

2017, at 6:30pm. Citizens interested in learning more about reducing violence and tension between law enforcement can also attend training sessions hosted by the CCRB. Complaints made to the CCRB are not anonymous

Presentation by Street Corner Resources:

As of April 19, 2017, Street Corner Resources (“SCR”) reported 171 days of its catchment area be shooting-free. While there were no shootings, there has been an increase in “jumping”. For example, a group of adolescents attacked an individual. It appears that between 40 and 50 middle aged children are gathering between the hours of 3 – 6pm at various locations in Harlem and “jumping” folks. SCR is trying identify and connect many of these young people with resources that will discourage risky behaviors.

Old Business

- Community Board Legal Clinic
 - The Community Board 10 Legal Clinic met on Wednesday, April 19 at the Harlem State Building. The clinic was open to the public to address housing needs from 6 to 8pm. The next clinic meeting will take place on May 17th and will be last of three scheduled clinic meetings, but we hope to make the clinic a monthly event.
 - Members of the Public Safety Committee will take turns supervising the clinics each month. The goal is to get at least 16 individuals to attend each clinic meeting.
 - Hon. Aarian Punter agreed to contact PALENTA Leadership to invite additional residences needing assistance to attend the next clinic meeting.
- Safe Spaces
 - The Harlem Children Zone will be meeting with Jamilah Clark on May 1, 2017 to discuss its plans to identify businesses in Harlem that are interested in participating in the Safe Spaces initiative. Jamilah will provide an update at the next meeting.

New Business

- The Public Safety Committee discussed the issue of sex trafficking and how sex-trafficking is an issue in Harlem. Members expressed a need for there to be more awareness on this issue. Public Safety members Aarian Punter, Jamilah Clark and Raquel Vasquez agree to do more research on this issue to report back to the Public Safety Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm