

# CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 10

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## **Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 - 6:30 PM

### Hon. Tamara Martin, Chair

**Board Members in Attendance**: Tamara Martin, Christina Curry, Cicely Harris, Lupe Moreno, Rose Ellington Murray, Donna Gill and Earl Keller

#### 1) Welcome/Introductions

#### 2) Presentations

Carlmais Johnson, Manager of Community Outreach for the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) gave a presentation on the role the CCRB plays in investigating complaints filed against the police. Ms. Johnson also discussed the difference between Stop, Question and Frisk, as well as an individual's rights if stopped and/or questioned by the police and how to file a complaint with the CCRB if a person feels his or her rights have been violated.

Rev. Vernon Williams from Perfect Peace Ministries came before the committee to talk about a special outreach project called Shut Down Fridays, which took place every Friday for the month of October at various locations throughout Central Harlem. Every Friday, several organizations against gun violence such as: The Healing Team, Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E., Lead By Example, GRAAFICS - Gang Diversion, Reentry And Absent Fathers Intervention Centers and Way 2 Life Ministries would target certain troubled blocks or locations where there have been numerous incidents of violence and shootings. With the assistance of NYPD, a particular block would be shut down for three hours and a DJ would play music and various people including elected officials and community activists would speak out against gun violence to the residents living there.

#### 3) Meeting Adjourned

#### **Chair's Activities**

#### October 9, 2014

I attended the FBI forum on Terrorism in Africa and the Middle East. This forum was very informative and gave a in depth description of the various terror organizations operating around the world, including domestic terrorists. The FBI discussed how terror groups launder money, are involved in credit card fraud, tax fraud, advanced fee fraud, the sale of heroin, weapons, stolen vehicles, counterfeit goods and the sale of oil on the black market and therefore are self-funded with access to an unlimited amount of money. There was also some focus on African Criminal Enterprises operating in some NYC areas, including the neighborhoods of the Bronx, Jamaica and Harlem. The FBI also discussed the travel routes for drug smuggling and money laundering between the U.S., Africa and Canada.

#### October 17, 2014

I participated in Shut Down Friday at 137th Street between Malcolm X Blvd. and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd with Councilwoman Inez Dickens, Rev. Vernon Williams of Perfect Peace Ministries, The Healing Team, Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E. and Jackie Rowe Adams, Lead By Example, GRAAFICS - Gang Diversion, Reentry And Absent Fathers Intervention Centers, Way 2 Life Ministries and NYPD.

#### October 19, 2014

Worked with Rev. Vernon Williams from Perfect Peace Ministries and Tony Hendrickson from Lead By Example, along with numerous police officers from various precincts in Patrol Borough Manhattan North regarding several incidents arising among large groups of teenagers on 125th Street between Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd. and Malcolm X Blvd after the African Parade Festival at Mount Morris Park. We intervened by talking and encouraging the various groups of teenagers to go home and get off the streets, in order to keep the peace and prevent random fights from breaking out between the different groups.

#### October 21, 2014

Attended the Domestic Violence Forum held at the Harlem State Office Building and was sponsored by the 26th, 28th and 32nd Precincts as well as the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office.

#### October 27, 2014

Attended the Shine the Light in Harlem Rally on domestic violence awareness in front of the Harlem State Office Building. This event was sponsored by a large list of participants collectively referred to as the Upper Manhattan Domestic Violence Services Collaborative.

I also attended the grand opening for the GRAAFICS - Gang Diversion, Reentry and Absent Fathers Intervention Centers first Harlem location which is located at 2821 Fredrick Douglas Blvd. between 150th and 151st Street.