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## **Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Hon. Jason Clark, Chair

### **MINUTES**

#### **ATTENDENCE**

**Present:** John Lynch, Jamilah Clark, Donna Gill, Dimandja Utshudi (Manhattan DA's Office), Ydarian Castillo (CCRB)

**Excused:** LaShanda Myers, Raquel Vazquez

**Absent:** Aarian Punter, Charles Johnson, Henrietta Lyle

The meeting was called to order.

The meeting began with a public safety briefing by Jason Clark. On Sunday, January 28, 2018, there was a fire at 159-44 Harlem Drive (also known as the Rangel Houses). The cause of the fire was incense and was ruled accidental by the Fire Department of New York's Fire Marshals. A smoke detector was present in the unit, but not operational. The fire resulted in one fatality.

Per FDNY Community Affairs Officer Clement James, Mr. Clark announced that if any folks are interested in scheduling a fire safety education event for the residents in his or her building, they can contact the FDNY Office of Community Affairs at 718-999-1436.

#### **FDNY Sound the Alarm**

The FDNY is organizing a timely program called "Sound the Alarm" during which the FDNY will be giving away and installing smoke detectors for residents throughout the Harlem community. FDNY provided promotional information indicating that they will be promoting this program at Duane Reade located at 279-283 West 125th Street on January 31, 2018, as well as at the CVS located at 115 West 125th Street.

### March 14, 2018 CCRB General Body Meeting

The next order of business was discussing the upcoming Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) Meeting scheduled for March 14, 2018. Ydarian Castillo, who is a representative for the CCRB, gave a brief synopsis of the work of the CCRB. She also discussed the role that the CCRB's general body board meetings have on giving the community a voice to discuss concerns they have within the community. Community Board 10 and the Public Safety Committee will be sponsoring the CCRB's Manhattan general body meeting. Ms. Donna Gill asked about the details of the meeting. Ms. Castillo stated that the meeting will take place at the Harlem State Building from 6:30 to 8:30 pm on the second floor. The meeting is open to the public.

### April 2018 Anti-Violence Rally

The Committee decided to change the date of the anti-violence rally from Saturday, April 14, 2018 to Saturday, April 21, 2018 after Manhattan District Attorney's Office Community Affairs Representative Dimandja Utshudi informed us that their office will be hosting a separate community event on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Jamila Clark agreed to serve as the lead for this project.

### Reducing Gun Violence Social Media Project

Alex Coroneos who is a videographer has offered to donate his services for a community board 10 project. Jamilah Clark and Dimandja Utshudi recommended that we use this opportunity to garner support for reducing gun violence. In doing so, this program can help garner support for a gun buyback initiative that the Manhattan DA will be hosting in the summer. The committee agreed that it would be best to have young adults (rather than underaged children) on camera in the video. An idea that was proposed was having some of the Street Corner Resources members discuss on camera why it's important to reduce gun violence in our communities.

### **Announcements:**

Next meeting will be on February 21, 2018.

Meeting Adjourned

*Minutes submitted by Jason Clark*