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## Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Tamara Martin, Chair

### MINUTES

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Tamara Martin, Keith Taylor, John Lynch, Christina Curry, Donna Gill

**Excused:** Lupe Moreno, Victoria Horsford

**Absent:** Brandi North

**Guests in Attendance:** Rev. Vernon Williams, Perfect Peace Ministry

**Prior to the start of the meeting Sgt. Jordan Mazur and Agency Attorney, Adam Hirsch from the NYPD MARCH (Multi Agency Response to Community Hotspots) Operations stopped by to speak with Captain Michael Baker, the new Commanding Officer of the 32<sup>nd</sup>, who was not scheduled to attend the meeting. The chair will invite Sgt. Mazur and Mr. Hirsch to a future meeting to discuss NYPD MARCH Operations more thoroughly.**

### Discussions:

On 3/1/16 Chair Tamara Martin and Chair of the Eco Dev Committee, Keith Taylor had a follow-up meeting with the owners of Jah Juice Bar at the location of the business to further discuss the issues the juice continue to face.

- Since the last meeting on February 2, 2016, the owners had installed exterior lights, and were still in the process of installing an interior/exterior camera system.
- The owners still need to hire a licensed and bonded security guard. Once again, we suggested that they call the NYS Department of State to get a list of registered security companies to contact.
- We suggested the owners reach out to the block association on 122<sup>nd</sup> Street in order to improve the situation and foster good communication.
- The owners requested to see copies of the 311 complaints on Jah Seal Juice Bar. The chair then sent an email to Inspector Obe requesting the information. She responded back with a complete list of complaints, which was forwarded to the owners.
- The owners also stated they wanted to physically see the complaints and stated that they would attend the Police Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. The chair contacted

Inspector Obe regarding this request and Inspector stated she would have the complaints printed and ready for their review.

On 3/14/16 Chair Tamara Martin attended the NYPD Community Partner Program at 1 Police Plaza.

- The Community Partner Program: the purpose of this program is to introduce new police officers to local community partners in the neighborhood they patrol in order to familiarize them with the local issues and concerns in a particular area. Local community partners will include: business owners, clergy and other stakeholders in the community.
- Committee member Christina Curry asked if there were sign language interpreters at the event. Chair Tamara Martin stated she did not see any interpreters there. Christina Curry stated she asked an NYPD representative if sign language interpreters would be present at this event, but did not receive a response and therefore did not attend. Chair Tamara Martin suggested she draft a letter the committee could send to 1 Police Plaza regarding this matter.

Committee member Christina Curry brought up the issue of safety concerns for her clients who are on 125<sup>th</sup> Street between St. Nicholas Avenue and Morningside Avenue during the time the children at Kipp STAR Middle School (located at 123<sup>rd</sup> Street between Morningside Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue) are dismissed around 3:00PM.

- She stated that there had been a big fight a few days before with a bunch of the kids from the Kipp School and she was concerned with how the matter was being handled by the police. She said the 26<sup>th</sup> Precinct was present and on the scene at the time of the incident.
- The chair stated she would speak to the Commanding Officer of the 26<sup>th</sup> Precinct regarding this matter and also set up a meeting. Rev. Vernon Williams of Perfect Peace Ministries who was in attendance suggested that we form a “Wall of Protection” for a positive presence of peace between the local business owners and the police.

Committee member Christina Curry also stated her safety concerns with the sidewalk by the Victoria Theater. Due to the scaffolding taking up so much space the sidewalk is narrow and unsafe for anyone passing in a wheelchair if the street was crowded. The chair will look into contacting DOB regarding this matter.

Chair Tamara Martin briefly discussed attending the District Cabinet Meet and Greet that took place earlier that day. There were numerous agencies present at the meeting, and therefore, referred the committee to review the District Manager’s report on the meeting.

Chair Tamara Martin stated she would like the committee to organize an Identity Theft Workshop for seniors in May and the committee agreed.

Chair Tamara Martin gave out the correct committee minutes from last month’s committee meeting since the wrong meeting minutes had been distributed at the last general board meeting on March 2, 2016.

**Announcements:**

There will be a special presentation from the NYPD Firearms and Tactics Section at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Community Council Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2016. The NYPD Firearms and

Tactics Section will do a demonstration allowing civilians to experience the split second decisions that police officers sometimes have to face.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct has a new Commanding Officer. His name is Captain Michael Baker. The chair will invite Captain Baker to the next general board meeting in April to introduce him to the community.

Next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM