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## **Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

Hon. Jason Clark, Chair

Hon. Aarian Punter, Vice Chair

### **Minutes**

**Committee and Board members in Attendance:** Jason Clark, Aarian Punter, Keith Taylor, John Lynch, Jamilah Clark.

**Excused Absence:** Tamara Martin

**Absent:** Lupe Moreno

### **Presentation Item:**

In observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Harlem Director of the New York County District Attorney's Office Linda Jones-Janneh joined us to discuss the work the New York County District Attorney's Office performs to deter family, teen dating, and intimate partner violence. We also discussed various means of relief for abuse victims such as how to obtain an Order of Protection from a court and what happens next after an individual decides to leave an abusive relationship. Below are some troubling statistics regarding domestic violence:

- It is believed that 70% of domestic violence crimes go unreported.
- Domestic violence is the leading cause of death for African American women ages 15 to 35.
- African American women are three times more likely to be killed as a result of domestic violence than Caucasian women.
- Approximately 28% of female sexual assault victims are raped by husbands, boyfriends, 35% by acquaintances, and 5% by other relatives.
- Nearly one third of murdered women were killed by their current or former partner.
- Children ages 17 and under are victims of about 70% of all reported sexual assaults.

### **Discussion Item:**

Next, we began discussing goals for the Community Board year. This year, we will have three main areas where the Public Safety Committee will look to make an impact: 1) reducing gun violence – with a special focus on teens and young adults 2) assisting ex-offenders with reintegrating back into society and 3) identifying solutions to reducing the number of unarmed

civilians killed by law enforcement officers. Each member of the Public Safety Committee is being tasked with spearheading a community development project. Aarian Punter will be leading our juvenile gun violence reduction initiative; John Lynch will be leading our ex-offenders reintegration initiative; and Jason Clark will be leading our committee's efforts to identify reforms that will reduce the number of unarmed civilians shot by law enforcement officers.

Additionally, Jamilah Clark will be responsible for exploring the feasibility of launching a "Safe Routes Program" here in Harlem, which would be aimed at ensuring that Harlem students have a safe path to/from school. It was also proposed that Tamara Martin (not present because of an excused absence) lead the Public Safety Committee's community policing awareness campaign which will be responsible for informing community members about the NYPD's new Neighborhood Coordination Officer Program.

For each initiative, the project leader will partner with a community organization (e.g. Street Corner Resources, Harlem Restoration Project, Metropolitan Black Bar Association of New York City, NYPD, etc.) so that we can best identify how to use Community Board 10 resources to make the biggest impact on the lives of people living in our neighborhoods.

**Next Committee Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016.

*Minutes taken by Jason M. Clark*