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## Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
Hon. Jason Clark, Chair

### MINUTES

**Committee and Board members in Attendance:** Jason Clark, Jamilah Clark, Donna Gill (non-committee member)

**Excused Absence:** Raquel Vazquez, John Lynch, Charles Johnson, LaSanda Myers

**Absent:** Aarian Punter

#### **Presentation Item:**

1. 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct's Update on the Neighborhood Coordination Officer Program

NYPD Neighborhood Coordination Officers Jonathan Narvaez, Carlos Castillo, Jon Westendorf and Miguel Occasio of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Precinct attended our public safety meeting to discuss the NYPD's community policing program. Neighborhood Coordination Officers (NCOs) are responsible for coordinating activities as well as addressing crime, conditions, and complaints for their assigned region. Officer Narvaez reported that it had been a relatively quiet summer because there were less shootings than have occurred in previous years. Officer Castillo also indicated that the 32<sup>nd</sup> precinct has been engaged in a number of community outreach events and that the 32<sup>nd</sup> precinct would be interested in working with us on any public safety events we have moving forward during the year. Jason Clark asked Officer Narvaez what the primary misconception about police officers that he wished could be resolved. He responded by stating that police officers are community members too, and recognized that the grand majority of them want their communities to be peaceful.

Jamilah Clark also mentioned that one reason for a disconnect between children and police officers, is because there have been instances when a police officer has struck up a seemingly innocent conversation with an adolescent with the hopes of getting information. As a result, many folks tell children especially not to speak with police officers so that they don't unintentionally get themselves in trouble with the law.

#### **Discussion Item:**

1. 2016-17 Public Safety In Review

Donna Gill, Jamilah Clark and Jason Clark discussed the programs that were conducted during the previous year. These programs include the “I am A Solution Town Hall Program,” Film Documentary Screening of “13<sup>th</sup>” at Harlem MIST, Suited for Success Suits Drive, CB10 Sanctuary City Resolution, Voter Registration and Certificate of Relief Program, Immigration Know Your Rights Forum and Manhattan Community Board 10 Legal Clinic.

Donna Gill mentioned that the committee has been very active and providing a great deal of resources to the community. One recommendation that she posited, was that we think more creatively about publicizing Public Safety event. Donna believes that our programs would be more impactful if we could get the word out on our programs in a more effective manner. Jason Clark and Jamilah Clark agreed that this would be a good idea. Jamilah also mentioned that committee members should be more active in publicizing Public Safety Committee events such by posting flyers for the Manhattan Community Board 10 Legal Clinic on Social Media. Either Donna or Jason also suggested that we partner with Manhattan Community Boards 9 and/or 11 for one of our next legal clinics to maximize impact.

## 2. 2017-18 Open Vice Chair Position

Jason Clark mentioned that Aarian Punter had indicated that she recently secured a new job and did not believe she could continue as Public Safety Vice Chair because of the time commitment. Jason proceeded to let committee members know that if they are interested in the position, they should reach out him directly.

## 3. Announcements

Dimandja Utshudi and Edgar Yu from the Community Affairs Unit of the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office introduced themselves to the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Utshudi and Mr. both indicated that the Manhattan DA’s Office is interested in being a resource for our committee. Edgar indicated that the Manhattan DA’s Office will be participating in the “Shine the Light in Harlem” domestic violence awareness program scheduled for October 26, 2017. All folks are encouraged to join the Manhattan DA’s Office at the event.

Minutes taken by Jason M. Clark and Jamilah Clark.

**Next Committee Meeting Date:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017