

## **Public Safety Committee**

Minutes – February meeting

February 4, 2015

Shahabuddeen A. Ally, Chair

Committee members present: Shahabuddeen Ally (Chair); Kelley Boyd, Lilliana Saneaux, Dr. Michael Mowatt-Wynn (public member), Isidro Medina, Pam Palanque-North, Rud Morales.

Committee members excused: Maurice Owen-Michanne (Vice-Chair).

General attendance: Cheryl Miller, Mary Anderson, K. Gonzalez, Nancy Preston, Lt. Muniz (34<sup>th</sup> Pct.), P.O. Perez (34<sup>th</sup> Pct.), P.O. Guzman (33<sup>rd</sup> Pct.), Sgt. Cheek (33<sup>rd</sup> Pct.), Maybin Martinez and Yokarina Duarte (Councilman Rodriguez's office).

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

### **I. Post forum suggestions**

Members suggest that there be two forums per year (one in June and one in December). Work needs to be done on the format of the forums to promote and encourage the audience members to become more involved.

### **II. 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. Report**

- The 34<sup>th</sup> precinct reports that there is a spike in assaults while burglary and robberies are down.
- A discussion was had on the home invasion on 213<sup>th</sup> and Broadway. It was reported that the point of entry was a fire escape window that had an air conditioner unit placed inside. Suggestions from the precinct include: (1) securing windows; (2) get secure locks and (3) report strange individuals in your building. It was further noted that windows are the best access to the apartment for an intruder.
- Regarding the issue of noise complaints, the precinct did not report any significant increase in complaints. The police did report that they do not check on whether an establishment has a sound governor or is in compliance with the rules of having a sound governor. The precinct did request copies of all stipulations made with business to be sent to the community affairs

officers. The precinct indicated that follow up with the stipulations can be done.

III. **33<sup>rd</sup> Pct. Report**

- The precinct reported that of the significant increase in crime, burglaries are up 12%.
- Regarding commercial noise complaints, it was noted that the patrol officers will appear at an establishment should there be a complaint made. There was a suggestion that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) be called to address noise complaints.
- Questions were asked regarding the assault on the woman in December 2014, in the vicinity of the Edgecombe Correctional facility. The precinct indicated that this is still an active investigation. There is a concern for the presence of the homeless population on or around Edgecombe Park.
- A suggestion was made to precinct to engage local services, such as Project Renewal, to offer services to the homeless population.
- The 33<sup>rd</sup> pct. community council will hold meetings at select locations throughout the community.

IV. **Report from Councilman Rodriguez's**

- It was noted that the Councilman was made aware of a shooting on 167th and Amsterdam Avenue. The office is also working on the issue of a building in the district that has been without heat or hot water for a prolonged period of time. A suggestion was made to have the Department of Buildings fund more inspectors.

V. **Suggestions**

- It was suggested to have FDNY to appear at public safety meeting and for written materials to be provided for the meetings by agencies that have presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.