

COMMUNITY BOARD 12's PUBLIC SAFETY Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of **COMMUNITY BOARD 12's PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** was called to order at 7:12pm on Wednesday, November 2, 2016, in the George Washington Educational Campus Library, 569 Audubon Ave, by Arlene Schulman, Chair.

Present

Public Safety Committee: Arlene Schulman, Chair; Javier Trejo, Assistant Chair; Katherine Diaz, Richard Lewis, Natalie Espino, and Public Member Rasheed Young.

Absent: Isidro Medina, Rud Morales

Transit District 3: Lt. Dominick Fonti, P.O Damieon Frey (Transit)

34th Precinct: Lt. Warren Tom, P.O Matt Pena (34th)

33rd Precinct: Sgt. Josue Perez, P.O. Danny Guzman

FDNY: Battalion Chief Chris Richie

Manhattan DA's office: Joselinne Minaya, Director, Washington Heights and Inwood office

Public: Nayma Silver, Project Beauty Experience (final 10-15 minutes)

Minutes: Rasheed Young

Agenda

How Safe Are Our Schools?

Welcome, Arlene Schulman, Chair

Opening Remarks - Javier Trejo, Principal

There are four schools currently located in George Washington High School Campus, servicing grades 9-12 and over 2,300 students. Until two years ago, GW was known as an impact site = a school with high crime and violence. Two years ago GW was removed off of the impact list. One of the biggest issues with GW's is the perception of the school. To date there are few very, if any, gang related issues. Part of that solution is because there is a Campus Manager that works with School safety and NYPD. "We need more training, instead of jailing our youth". -Javier Trejo

Another struggle is working with kids with disabilities. "We need to figure out how to work with kids while they are in crisis. Kids can't manage their behavior". -Javier Trejo

The community and schools should continue the "NYPD Walk With Students". This allows the relationship to build with all participants.

80% of GW students are from immigrant families. That is also a reason parents are not involved in school/police issues. They are in fear of their immigration status.

Question from Richard Lewis: How does D.O.E track challenged students?

Answer from Javier Trejo: They can't legally track students. It's the teacher's responsibility to read all students I.E.P. (Individual Educational Plan)

There are 5 Levels of Infraction in NYC public schools:

- Level 1 Uncooperative/Noncompliant Behavior
- Level 2 Disorderly Behavior
- Level 3 Disruptive Behavior
- Level 4 Aggressive or Injurious/Harmful Behavior
- Level 5 Seriously Dangerous or Violent Behavior

In closing, George Washington High School has improved on so many levels.

Report from FDNY

To date there has been one gas leak reported (Amsterdam & 167 street). Gas leaks are trending. "Better to be safe than sorry" – Chief Richie

FDNY participates in "Fire Prevention" programs for schools at least twice a month. They also do "Open Houses" at the firehouses as well.

*Note: FDNY responds to all calls, regardless, unless indicated as a "test."

Report from Transit District 3

Transit has a school team of eight uniformed officers, set up in strategic locations. They cover eight precincts. There have been eight school crimes in 2015. This year (2016), there have been only three incidents. Crime is down 40% from 2014. Re: dealing with students, they try NOT to issue summonses unless it's a habitual offense.

Last 28 days: one crime in the 33rd (lunch crime/sleeping) and one crime in the 34th (pick pocket) on the trains.

"Do Not Fall Asleep On Trains!"

Report from 34th Precinct

They have 46 schools within their jurisdiction. They have three Youth Officers within those schools. Training school safety and administration on how to react has been a big success. Also truancy is working and helps get kids back in school. Truancy is only from 9:00 – 11:30 So far 11 arrests were made this year within their schools that they cover, as opposed to 14 arrests in 2015.

Past 28 days in school: Seized a stun gun

Past 28 days: 1 sexual assault, 1 burglary

Report from 33rd Precinct

They have 16 schools (within 4 buildings) in their jurisdiction. They have two Youth Officers patrolling the four sites. YTD there have been

four incidents. NY State is trying to raise the age limit for minor/non violent crimes called "PROJECT RESET" (please see appendix A.) Also NYPD EXPLORERS PROGRAM, a community service, career-oriented program designed to educate young men and women, ages 14-20, about Law Enforcement is doing well (please see appendix B.)

* How many incidents reported per school and a breakdown of the incidents

In the 33rd Precinct, we have a total of three incidents reported since the beginning of the school year:

- PS 138 reported that on 09/21/2016, they discovered that an Ipad was missing from a classroom inside of the school. This complaint was classified as Petit Larceny, and is currently under investigation.
- A student at the Community Health Academy reported on 09/22/2016 that she was receiving threatening text messages from her boyfriend. The investigation into this complaint culminated with the arrest, and subsequent charge of the boyfriend for Aggravated Harassment by the Precinct Detective Squad.
- An employee of the Gregorio Luperon H.S reported on 10/06/2016 that after he engaged in a dispute with a student for the use of a cellphone. The student threaten the victim with bodily harm. This incident is being kept under observation by our youth team, and no further action was warranted.

* How many weapons recovered, when and where from

Currently there are no weapons recovered at our schools

* How many arrests?

There is one arrest (see above)

* How are younger kids handled in contrast to older ones?

The responsibility of the department is to adhere to the strict interpretation of all legal statutes. As a result, we have procedures in place to deal with all persons under the age of 16 in accordance with the law. In our system all persons over the age of 15 are treated as adult thus, they do not get any separate treatment than what adults get. However, persons under the age of 16, can be processed in different ways, contingent on the crime such as committed. We have different classifications for this persons under the age of 16, and we designate them into one of two major categories, Juvenile Delinquents, and Juvenile Offenders. In all cases, the processes of arrest will differ depending on what category the juvenile falls under. It is important to know that this process is not done arbitrarily rather, is all based on procedure, and legal statutes.

Police Officer Perez and Police Officer Nunez, are two veteran police officers assigned to the youth office in the 33rd Precinct. These Two officers conform to part of the mandate under our NCO program.

Report from the Manhattan D.A's office

The D.A's office goes to schools and does presentations. It also includes a massive mailing to student parents and the community. To date the "SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS" Program has been extremely helpful The D.A has announced 3 significant investments aimed at preventing crime and reforming the justice system, including funding opportunities for: early diversion programs for low-level misdemeanor offenders; social enterprises for young people and formerly incarcerated individuals; and innovative transition programs for youth who are transitioning out of foster care.

Old/New Business

Body cam discussion will resume at next meeting.

Agenda for Next Meeting

Holiday Safety – location TBA

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm by Arlene Schulman.



Precinct PROJECT RESET Checklist

*The NYPD, in conjunction with the Manhattan District Attorney, the Brooklyn District Attorney and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI), is implementing Project Reset. Under this program, participating 16- and 17-year old offenders arrested for certain **non-violent misdemeanors** will be referred for community service and accountability workshops. Youth who successfully complete the program will never have to appear in court and will have their arrest records sealed.*

Use the following checklist to determine potential eligibility of 16- or 17-year-old arrestees for Project Reset:

1. **Confirm that the youth is 16 or 17 years-old.**
 - a. If YES, notify desk officer that the youth is a candidate for Project Reset.
2. **Confirm that the youth is charged with one of the eligible offenses (see back).**
3. **Confirm youth screened eligible for a Desk Appearance Ticket (DAT) (e.g., not a family offense, not under the influence of drugs).**
4. **Contact analyst at the Juvenile Desk to verify youth is eligible (646) 610-5884 & obtain DAT return date.**

Steps 1-4 should take no more than 1 hour.

The youth is now **ELIGIBLE for a recommendation to Project Reset.**

5. Notify parents/legal guardians of arrest. Advise them that AO will recommend the teen for Project Reset.
6. Explain to the youth (in person) and parent if available (via phone) that Project Reset is:
 - Voluntary
 - If approved by DA, successful participants will never have to go to court
 - If accepted, public defenders will reach out to discuss the program free of charge
7. Provide youth with Project Reset brochure & DA letter. Tell youth to expect to be contacted by the defense attorney and staff of the Midtown Community Justice Center.
8. Use OMNI form to generate a desk appearance ticket (DAT). Receive the DAT number (control number) and obtain return date from the juvenile desk (9 week return date for Project Reset cases). The DAT should be made returnable to the appropriate Court.
9. Have youth sign the DAT. Make sure the youth has a copy of his DAT, the Project Reset brochure, and his DA letter upon release. Use the white Project Reset DAT package if available. If not, mark exterior of the folder in large type **Project Reset**. Include a copy of the DA letter in the packet. Verify contact information for the teen.

Eligible offenses listed on back (5/27/2016)

ELIGIBLE OFFENSE	PENAL LAW
Criminal mischief in the 4 th degree	PL 145.00
Criminal possession of a controlled substance, 7 th degree	PL 220.03
Criminal possession of marijuana in 4th degree	PL 221.15
Criminal possession of marijuana in 5th degree	PL 221.10
Criminal possession of stolen property in the 5 th degree	PL 165.40
Criminal tampering in 3rd degree	PL 145.14
Criminal trespass in the 2nd degree	PL 140.15
Criminal trespass in the 3rd degree unless in an office/commercial building	PL 140.10
Drug paraphernalia in 2nd degree	PL 220.50
Falsely reporting an incident	PL 240.50
Making graffiti	PL 145.60
Petit larceny	PL 155.25
Possession of graffiti instruments	PL 145.65
Promoting gambling in the 2 nd degree	PL 225.05
Reckless endangerment of property	PL 145.25
Theft of services	PL 165.15
Unauthorized sale of certain transportation devices	PL 165.16
Unauthorized use of vehicle in 3rd degree	PL 165.05
Unlawful assembly	PL 240.10

VOLLEYBALL

PAL Armory Center
216 Fort Washington Avenue
Fridays, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 646-538-9385

TENNIS

Union Settlement | Washington Houses Community Center
1775 Third Avenue (Pick-up location)
Fridays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-828-6107



BASKETBALL

PAL Harlem Center
441 Manhattan Avenue
Saturdays, 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-678-0847

Henry Street Settlement
Boys and Girls Republic (BGR)
388 E. 6th Street
301 Henry Street
Fridays, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. (BGR Only)
Contact: 212-686-8888

SCAN | El Faro Beacon | M.S. 45
2321 First Avenue
Fridays, 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Contact: 646-371-3388

Graham Windham
Manhattanville Community Center
530 W. 133rd Street
Saturdays, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 646-502-9719

Community Association of Progressive Dominicans (ACPD)
M.S. 328 | 401 W. 164th Street
Fridays + Saturdays,
8:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Contact: 347-452-6163

The Boys' Club of New York (Boys only)
Elbridge T. Gerry, Jr. Clubhouse
321 E. 11th Street
Fridays, 7:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Saturdays, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.
Contact: 347-505-4528

Union Settlement
237 E. 104th Street
Fridays + Saturdays, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-828-6107

PAL Armory Center
216 Fort Washington Avenue
Saturdays, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 646-538-9385

Catholic Charities Kennedy Center
34 W. 134th Street
Fridays + Saturdays, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-662-6401 ext. 342

Good Shepherd Services (Brooklyn)
653 Schenck Avenue
Saturdays, 5:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Contact: 347-723-1623

New South Bronx PAL Center (Bronx)
891 Longwood Avenue
Saturdays, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 646-596-6057

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SATURDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Athletic Training
Academic Support

Free for youth ages 11 to 18



LITE FEET

Union Settlement | Washington Houses Community Center | 1775 Third Avenue
Tuesdays + Thursdays, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.
Contact: 212-828-6107

KIKI LOUNGE

Hetrick Martin Institute | 2 Astor Place
Saturdays, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-674-2600 ext. 204

CHEER DANCE

Graham Windham | Manhattanville Community Center | 530 W. 133rd Street
Tuesdays + Thursdays, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Contact: 646-502-9719

SOCCER

City in the Community
Corsi Community Center
307 E. 116th Street
Fridays + Saturdays,
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-738-5863

City in the Community
P.S. 57 (Girls only)
176 E. 115th Street
Fridays + Saturdays,
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Contact: 212-738-5863

BASEBALL

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- First site was in the Harlem PAL on 119th Street
- Expanded borough wide and eventually handed off to CBOs through an RFP process
- CBOs not only provide the sports training but also provide academic support and other holistic approaches to addressing any issues that their participants may have.
- Currently there are 15 sites (including one each in Bklyn and the Bronx) providing 8 sports/activities (Basketball, Volleyball, Tennis, Soccer, Lite Feet, Kiki Lounge, Cheer Dance and Baseball *{starting in Feb. 2017}*)

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Criminal Justice Investment Initiative (CJII):

- A once in generation funding opportunity to make a transformative and lasting impact on the Justice System in New York City.
- The Manhattan DA is funding these initiatives through the CJII which was created using criminal forfeiture funds obtained through settlements with international banks for violating U.S. sanctions. These funds are not a part of the DA's annual budget or tax payer dollars.
- So far over 400 million dollars have been/are being allocated through an RFP process:
 - 7.5 million – college programming in NYS Prisons
 - 90 million – enhance NYPD mobility (ie cell phones & tablets)
 - 101 million – critical NYCHA security upgrades
 - 38 million – to address national backlog of untested rape evidence kits
 - 40 million – Mental Health Initiatives
 - 14 million – for supervised release for eligible defendants pretrial.
 - 25 million - formation of cross-sector, cross border, not-for-profit Global Cyber Alliance
 - 7.5 million – expansion of the Saturday Night Lights initiative
 - 11.4 million- for increased access to services for crime victims

Second round of RFPs released in June 2016:

- 600,000 – expansion of Project Reset
 - Project Reset- began in 2015 initiated by DA's Office, NYPD and the Center for Court Innovation (CCI). Provides diversion for qualifying 16 & 17 year olds arrested for low-level crimes who do not have a serious criminal record. The participants must complete a two session program run by CCI, without ever having to step foot in a courtroom. Those who successfully complete the program have their cases dismissed. The goal of the program is to provide a proportional response to low-level crime and a meaningful intervention to put young people on a path to success.
- 13 million – Enhance Youth & Family Programming
 - CBOs were invited to submit RFPs for approaches that will improve youth and family development and will prevent risk factors that affect youth development such as academic problems, dropping out of school and anti-social behavior.

- **51.5 million – Youth Opportunity Hubs**
 - Provide coordinated, comprehensive services to adolescents and young adults that address multiple risk factors and needs, and prevent youths from becoming involved in the criminal justice system.
 - Emphasize the importance of wraparound approaches which coordinate family, community, school and agency resources based on a young person's individualized needs.
 - Comprehensive "wraparound" approaches help prevent undesired behaviors and outcomes by focusing on a young person's strengths rather than predominantly on risk or delinquency.
- **1.6 million – Community Navigators**
 - Network of trained peers and social workers
 - Work with individuals who come in contact with the criminal justice system including at-risk youths and crime victims to locate, connect, engage and stay involved with the services they need to prevent future crime and re-victimization.

More Recently proposals being sought for:

- **6.5 million – Early Diversion Programs**
 - Modeled after *Project Reset*
 - Diversions will take place after arrest and before arraignments for eligible New Yorkers of all ages who are issued a Desk Appearance Ticket (DAT) by the police for a low-level offense.
 - Programs will provide participants with opportunities to avoid prosecution and an arrest record and will provide the opportunity to be connected to service providers in their community - while being held accountable for their misdemeanor offense in a community setting.
- **7.3 million – Social Enterprises**
 - The first ever such funding opportunity from a criminal justice agency in the United States.
 - Social enterprises are non-profit organizations which blend the social welfare mission of a non-profit with the market-driven approach of a business.
- They will provide meaningful training and career opportunities to young people at elevated risk of justice-system involvement as well as formerly incarcerated New Yorkers reentering their community.
- They will also generate positive economic impact in underserved NYC neighborhoods.
- **5.3 million- Youth Aging out of Foster Care**
 - Many young people involved in the foster care system are at increased risk of involvement with the criminal justice system.
 - Foster youth face higher rates of incarceration than the general population.
 - This RFP was developed in collaboration with ACS.
 - Programs will provide educational, employment and housing services to youth ages between 16 and 24 who are "aging out" of New York City's foster care system.
 - Investments in remedial education, pathways to employment and housing permanency best equip this population to transition out of care successfully.