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Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, January 18, 2016
Hon. Jason Clark, Chair
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MINUTES

Committee and Board members in Attendance: Jason Clark, Raquel Vazquez, Charles Powell

Excused Absence: John Lynch, Aarian Punter

Absent: Lupe Moreno, Jamilah Clark, Keith Taylor

Working Session:

During this month's committee meeting, we met with CB10 Housing Chair and First Corinthian Deacon, Charles Powell, Jackie Rowe-Adams from Harlem Mothers Save, Patricia Okonta from Columbia Law School's SPIN ("Student Public Interest Network), and several members of the NYPD's Community Affairs Bureau such as Officers Rayshawn Ellison and C. Solomon.

The aim was to develop the framework for a student/police officer workshop program where students and police officers can begin developing trust among one another. In order to make the program a success, we agreed that participants will be broken up into small groups. The goal is not to organize a lecture or give a run-of-the-mill know your rights workshop. The objective is to cultivate an environment where attendees will be encouraged to have candid conversations with police officers. Students will be asked to identify specific things that the community can do to improve relationships. Police officers will be required to do the same. Topics that will be discussed will include respect and police accountability. Our hope, is that by tackling difficult subjects, students and officers will begin to see past stereotypes and start seeing each other as human beings. Each group will be led by a Columbia Law student or community liaison, and include at least one law enforcement officer. We're shooting for a Spring season launch date.

Next Committee Meeting Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2017.