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# Public Safety Committee February 18, 2017 Agenda Minutes Prepared by Aarian Punter

#### 1. Welcome/Introductions

- a. Adoption of January 2017 minutes Adopted @ 6:30pm
- b. Present: Jason Clark, Aarian Punter, Jamilah Clark, John Lynch, Keith Taylor (quorum)

# 2. Harlem Public Safety Issues Briefing

- a. Representatives from the Street Corner Resources attended meeting and reported the following data for their "Cure Violence" protection region (as of February 18, 2017):
  - 108 days of peace with no reports of any shootings, stabbings
  - 10 youth related fights but no fatalities or arrests.
  - 9 participants in training to become youth mentors
  - 9 participants are working with CASES
  - 1 College Bound student
  - 4 in the GED Program
  - 2 Vocation Bound programs (plumbing)
- b. <u>Public Safety Youth Gun Violence Taskforce action item</u>: Will explore partnering with Street Corner Resources to see how the Public Safety Committee can aid SCR in reducing gun violence in Harlem.

#### 3. <u>Discussion Item</u>

- a. Safe Spaces Program
  - i. Guest: Amanda Brown, Community Pride (Director), Harlem Children's Zone
  - ii. **Note:** The Public Safety Committee and the Harlem Children's Zone are exploring re-launching a "Safe Spaces" program upon which children (and possibly others) walking to/from school will have access to various "safe spaces" if they think they are in danger. Participating business, will have the resources to contact schools and family members to ensure that the child can get home safely.
  - iii. The Public Safety and Economic Development Committees are exploring supporting the Harlem Children Zone and connecting the initiative with the community.
  - iv. Public Safety member Jamilah Clark will be the point person for this initative and will follow up with Harlem Children's Zone.

#### b. Immigration Equal Protection & Sanctuary State/City Resolution

i. **Note:** The Public Safety Committee drafted an Immigration Equal Protection and Sanctuary City & State Resolution in response to the federal government's executive orders restricting travel and denouncing sanctuary jurisdictions. The purpose of the resolution is affirm Community Board 10's support of immigrants in this community and lay out what we protections we expect from "Sanctuary Cities" such as New York moving forward.

# ii. Proposed Revisions:

- 1. An additional "whereas" reaffirming the importance of immigration in the Harlem community.
- 2. Additional resolved clause "emphasizing that the CB10 supports the protection of immigrants and the designation of the Community Board 10 jurisdiction as a sanctuary area.
- iii. Motion to Approve "Immigration Equal Protection and Sanctuary City & State Resolution" with proposed revisions, made by Keith Taylor
  - 1. Seconded: Aarian Punter
  - 2. Motion results: 5 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions, 0 recusals
  - 3. Motion will be discussed at the next Executive Meeting.

### c. CB10 Legal Services Clinic

i. **Note:** The Community Board 10 Legal Services Clinic will launch on March 15, 2017. Legal services will be provided MFY Legal Services, who has agreed to service our clinic on a trial basis the next three months. They will be donating housing lawyers who will be providing pro bono legal services. Community Board 10 Staff members Andrew and/or Terrence will be helping with the rollout of the clinic. The clinic will occur once a month on the same day as CB10's Public Safety Meeting so that at least 1 member of the Public Safety Committee is present to assist with management of the clinic.

## d. 197-A Plan Presentation by Community Board Member Kevin Bitterman

- i. 197-A Plan is a tool used by a community board to identify community needs. Kevin Bitterman states that The Public Safety Committee should be thinking about what our focus for the CB10 is focusing on.
- ii. Some of the needs that were discussed include additional resources to support: exoffender re-entry services, reducing youth gun violence, community policing, organizing an outstanding warrant-removal program.

# 4. Announcements

- a. Suited for Success Update
  - i. The responds for suits have been overwhelming. Hundreds of suites have been dropped and stored at the the CB10 Harlem office.
- 5. Old Business/New Business
- 6. Adjournment