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## **Public Safety Committee**

Wednesday, April 20, 2016 Tamara Martin, Chair

## MINUTES

**Committee and Board Members in Attendance:** Tamara Martin, Keith Taylor, John Lynch, Donna Gill and Leevert Holmes

Excused: Christina Curry and Victoria Horsford

Absent: Lupe Moreno

## **Discussions:**

The crime prevention seminar for seniors will take place on Thursday, May 26, 2016 between 9:00AM - 12:00PM at the Harlem State Office Building,  $2^{nd}$  Floor Art Gallery. NYPD and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office will be the main presenters. The Manhattan Borough President's Office and State Senator Bill Perkins are partners for the event. Senator Perkins will also host an event for seniors on May 27, 2016 from 9:00AM - 3:00PM at the Harlem State Office Building. Chair Tamara Martin will reach out to Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office and Councilwoman Inez Dickens to also partner with us on this event.

Chair Tamara Martin discussed with the committee that she wanted to work with Board Member Daniel Clark to organize a youth job fair in June at Manhattanville Houses for the youth in West, Central and East Harlem. They will present and ask the Education, Youth and Libraries Committee, the Economic Development Committee and the Youth Task Force to participate. Both Daniel Clark and Tamara Martin will work with the committees to ensure that community businesses, organizations and agencies are involved and participate. They will also collaborate with Community Boards 9 and 11 and the local precincts.

Chair Tamara Martin informed the committee about a meeting that was held on April 18, 2016 at the 28<sup>th</sup> Precinct with First Vice Chair Dr. Keith Taylor, Inspector Obe, Lieutenant Kelly and the owners of Silvana Cafe and Bar to discuss several incidents that have taken place in or outside of the vicinity of the café. The most recent incident which was alarming and of extreme concern was a gang assault and robbery that took place inside the location on March 24, 2016. The owners agreed to work on a plan of action in order to try and prevent any future incidents at this location. The plan of action would include changes such as: eliminating a dj during the late hours, changing the type of music that is played at the venue and enforcing a stricter dress code

Chair Tamara Martin informed the committee about a recent assault and non-fatal shooting that took place on April 14, 2016 at approximately 7:30PM inside of 213 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street. The two male victims were 49 and 59 years old. One of the two perpetrators is believed to be about 25 years old, male/black, 5'9 in height with black hair and brown eyes. There doesn't appear to be a motive and no arrests have been made in this case thus far.

Chair Tamara Martin also informed the committee about a string of elevator robberies that recently took place. The first robbery took place on March 19, 2016 approximately at 1:15PM at 20 Lenox Avenue, the second robbery took place on March 21, 2016 at approximately 4:00PM at 30 Lenox Avenue and the third robbery took place on April 3, 2016 at approximately 10:00AM at 127 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street. All the victims are around the ages of 16 or 17 years old. In two of the incidents iPhones were stolen and in the third incident there was an attempt to steal an iPhone. In the March 21<sup>st</sup> robbery the perpetrator simulated a firearm and demanded the victim to reset his phone prior to taking the property. The perpetrator is believed to be a male/black in his early 20s.

## **Announcements:**

The Manhattan District Attorney's Office, State of New York Unified Court System and the New York City Police Department are sponsoring another Clean Slate event on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9:00AM – 3:00PM at the Grand Street Settlement located at 80 Pitt Street.

Next Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:30 PM