

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting
February 6, 2019 – Conference Room
530 West 166th Street – 6th Floor
New York, NY 10032

Committee Members Present (4): Mary O’Shaughnessy (Chair), Francisco Alvarez, Katherine Diaz, Noquel Matos

Absent: Rud Morales **Excused:** Gabriella Estrella

Public Sign-ins (7): NYPD: PO William Batz, PO Emily Marte, Lt. Adam Concepción, PO Danny Guzmán; **FDNY:** Chris Ritchie; **Manhattan District Attorney:** Joselinne Minaya

Staff: Ely Sylvestre.

Welcome, Opening Remarks and Agenda

Mary O’Shaughnessy, Public Safety Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was recorded to a digital audio file on an OLYMPUS© handheld device. Board members introduced themselves as did members of city agencies and the public. A quorum was established for the meeting. New committee member Noquel Matos, Esq. was welcomed.

NYPD 33 Precinct (Lt Concepción)

Lt. Concepción reported on an increase of grand larcenies in the reporting period, 16 year to date against 13 in the same period in 2018. He emphasized that the theft of any unattended item with a credit or debit card in it, is automatically categorized as a grand larceny. These particularly happen in bars and restaurants.

The majority of felony assaults are domestic violence incidents, and the majority are close to arrests.

There was a homicide on January 31, in which two persons were shot, and one died. Federal law enforcement is involved because the incident involved gangs and areas in both the 33rd and 34th Precincts.

An NCO Build a Block meeting was held on January 31 in Sector D of the 33 Precinct, and 16 people attended. The next scheduled meeting is Sector A, on February 26, at the Washington Heights Community Room at 7 pm.

In order to increase attendance, the precinct is following the example of the 19th, which obtained publicity spots on the LinkNYC kiosks in their area. The space is limited to two kiosks, and they want to place the notices on the kiosks nearest the highest foot traffic.

Members of the committee agreed to write a resolution calling for LinkNYC to support our precincts by providing this service, at the next committee meeting.

Member Alvarez requested an update on the burglaries carried out via window break-ins. It was reported that an arrest has been made and DNA is being tested.

NYPD Transit (PO Batz)

PO Batz presented on current topics including homeless outreach operations, specifically one on January 30. Transit District 3 had an outreach on February 4.

The D sector of Transit has been working on drug and swipe sales at the 169th Street subway stairwell. There have been arrests for K2 dealing and quality of life.

The fixed post has been moved from 168th to 181st Street, and with increased presence, 911 calls for the location have dropped from 40 to 2. The social services agency BRC has been providing outreach staff on Thursday and Friday evenings, but they are stretched on resources as well.

FDNY

BC Ritchie reports a drop in responses from 454 in 2018 to 316 in the same period (YTD) 2019, including gas leaks and structural fires.

The major public service announcement running is to remind people to close the door when leaving a fire location. A closed door improves containment dramatically.

There will be a joint agency meeting on February 13 regarding the traffic issues caused by the closure of the Henry Hudson ramp at 158th Street.

Public comment:

Nadaj Alexis works on Environmental Outreach and works with the Partnership for Parks to encourage reuse/recycle/compost activities. He requested to be kept informed on safety around July 4 activities.

A discussion followed around 2-wheeled vehicle safety. PO Batz emphasized that electric bicycles are by definition illegal in NYC. Manhattan DA liaison Joseline Minaya stated that anyone seeing these in use should call the restaurant whose name is on the rider's vest.

Washington Heights Office of Manhattan District Attorney (Joseline Minaya, Director)

The DA's office has a high school internship program for rising juniors and seniors, who live or go to school in Manhattan. The deadline is March 11 and Ms. Minaya stands ready to help any interested student apply. There is also a Gun Violence Prevention Fellowship for college students who have been affected by gun violence.

On April 7 there will be the 34th National Crime Victims event at West End Collegiate, at 2 pm.

Documents Released at the Meeting. See attached.

Upcoming events:	
1. 33 Precinct Build the Block meetings:	
	a. Sector A: 2/26, 7 pm at 2036 Amsterdam Avenue b. Sector C: 3/7, 7 pm at Incarnation Church, 570 West 175 Street c. Sector B: 3/26, 7 pm at Boricua College, 3755 Broadway
2. 34 Precinct Build the Block meetings:	
	a. Sector A: 3/7, 7 pm at George Washington High School b. Sector B: 2/17, 12:30 at 729 West 181 Street c. Sector C: 3/6, 5:30 pm place TBD

COMP Stat 2.0 Year to Date Map and Charts. See <https://compstat.nypdonline.org>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary O'Shaughnessy