

**Community Board 12 - Public Safety Committee Minutes**  
**December 2, 2020**  
**7:15 - 9:05**

**Chair: Curtis D. Young**

Committee Members Present

Danielle Jetto, Asst. Chair  
Mariela Graham  
Osi Kaminer  
Gabrielle Estrella  
Yosef Kalinsky

Committee Members Absent

Francisco Alvarez

Board Members Present

Liz Ritter  
Sally Fisher  
Maria Luna  
Domingo Estevez

Public Member Present

Graham Ciraulo

Public Member Absent

Yomaris Smith

Captain Chung (33rd Precinct), Lt. Semioli (34th Precinct), Officer Novikoff and Officer Chevos (Traffic Division), Assemblywoman de la Rosa, Matt Levy (Senator Jackson's Office) , Presenters: Kenyatta Thompson(Leader Organizer), Emilissa Curo (Member), Melanie Dominguez (Director)

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Called to Order : 7:15 pm

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

**II. Crime Stats, Fire Incidents, and Emergency Services Reports and Law Enforcement Initiatives**

● **33rd Precinct Updates (CO Chung)**

**Updates in Compstats for the 28 Day Period.**

- **Robberies are down 40%**

- Three From personal electronics (cellphones) and two car jackings
- Two have been identified and they are known to each other. One was on the train. It occurred at the station but it counts as a 33rd Precinct crime.

- **13 vs 13**

- There are wanted flyers for the burglars. These fall under the patterns we've seen at commercial establishments. There has been situation of breaking down down walls between establishments and burglarizing both places (occurred twice)
- Truck burglaries - Uber eats (three occurred with one arrest). Court date is pending.

- **GLA up 700%**

- Half of these are vehicles left running (Key fobs and key issues).
- 18 GLA's and nine of these cars were recovered.

- **Package Theft**

- One occurred during the period. Encourage neighbors to keep an eye on packages as the amount increases during the holiday season.

● **34th Precinct Updates**

**Updates in Compstats for the 28 Day Period.**

- Down 100% in murders compared to last year. (1 in 2019)
- Rapes (1)
- Robberies (20)
- Felonious assault down 45% (13 in 2020 v24 in 2019)
- Burglaries up (16 2020 vs. 12 in 2019)
- GLA (18 vs 7)

**Traffic Division**

- Down 42 % in coverall collisions
- Injury Collisions 24 vs 13 (84% increase)

- Injuries in general are up 82%

### **NYPD Transit Division**

- Ridership remains down and crimes remain down
- Homeless complaints have increased (168 and 181) - complaints include narcotics.
- They are working to get them into shelters working downtown.
- They have been giving out masks and encouraging social distancing. Not issuing summons but encouraging.

### **Edgecombe DOCSS (Women's Work Release Facility and Mens Confinement)**

- No COVID cases since the pandemic occurred. All incarcerated people are being tested. 3 employees are out because of precautionary reason due to travel)
- The construction project continues around the facility
- WOMen continue with their work release programs.
- If there are any employers looking for employees

Question / Comment (311 complaints not being addressed by 34th precinct): The desperation people are feeling are causing people to want to record and enforce laws on their own. When people feel like the existing channels of support are no longer working we enter dangerous territory. Citizens trying to enforce noise themselves become dangerous.

Question: What to do about speeding cars? What is the plan moving forward for summer? The enforcement unit does go out to write hazardous summons / moving violations etc. They have made summons in the 28th time period and that's their proactive way of curbing this. It could be worse if they didn't do that but believe it has had an impact.

### **III. Discussion on Less is More Campaign (Technical Parole Violations) - Katal Center for Equity and Justice**

Keeping people from unjustly going to jail and those who are released from returning to jail. We've had a large number of incarcerated people in our community and our goal is to think about their public safety. We've discussed mental health, education etc. Incarceration is expensive and as we think about reallocating funds these are the conversations that need to occur.

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About Katal Center and Less is More Campaign - which stems from the Close Rikers Movement: There are approximately 35,000 people under active parole supervision in New York State who at almost any time can see their efforts to successfully rejoin the workforce and reintegrate into their families and their communities disrupted by reincarceration for a technical violation. This not only harms individual lives and families without commensurate public safety gains, but also drives up the population in the state prisons and local jails, wasting taxpayer money. **New York imprisons more people for non-criminal "technical" violations of parole like missing an appointment with a parole officer, being late for curfew, or testing positive for alcohol and other drugs than any state in the country except Illinois.**

There advocacy work - Less is More: Community Supervision Revocation Reform Act (S.1343C – Benjamin / A.5493B – Mosley) - Developed by people on parole, people currently incarcerated, family members, Katal, Unchained, Justice Lab at Columbia, Legal Aid, and more, the bill is sponsored by NY State Sen. Brian Benjamin (S.1343C). NY State Assem. Walter Mosley (A.5493B).

Assemblywoman de la Rosa: Spoke in support of the legislation. the State passed a package of Criminal Justice reform. There remains work to ensure we incarcerate black and brown people and elder parole. We must focus on transformation. Our current system is more punitive than

restorative. Shared update on the inequities on fees. This makes the effort about money and who has money to stay free.

Senator Jackson Office: Showed support of the initiative and other justice reform efforts in the upcoming legislative session.

Motion Made for a Resolution: Gabriella Estralla. Seconded by Sally Fisher  
Passed unanimously

**IV. Upcoming Agenda Items - Committee discussion of future agenda items for 2021**

- Public Meeting on what it means to redefine public safety
  - Youth and Education Collaboration (School to Prison Pipeline)
  - Housing Collaboration
  - Health and Environment Collaboration
- Decriminalization of Marijuana
- Decriminalization of Mental Illness
- Gun Violence and Gun Trafficking

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Adjournment: 9:05 pm