

Community Board 12 - Public Safety Committee Minutes
February 3, 2021
7:00 -8:45 pm

Chair: Curtis D. Young

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Francisco Alvarez

Board Members Present

Public Member Present

Graham Ciraulo

Public Member Absent

Yomaris Smith

Lt. Tavares (34th Precinct), Inspector Bello (33rd Precinct), Ely Sylvetres (DA) and Jocelyn Minaya (DA), Assistant Director Sandra Sanchez 9FDNY), Superintendent Miller (DOCCS)

Called to Order : 7:15 pm

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. FDNY Updates(Assistant Director for Community Affairs Sandra Sanchez)

- A. Two fires that took place within the confines of Community Board 12 both on Monday February, 1, 2021. First 184 Nagle Ave and it was a two alarm fire. Two people with injuries and the cause was an accidental electrical appliance - Freezer. The Second at 35 Hillside Ave was all hands fire one person with moderate injuries was accidental and the cause the lamp cord.
- B. Advice from FDNY: Continue to inspect cords to ensure that they are still efficient. Also, Captain Winston previously mentioned the “**Get Alarm**” program - because CB 12 has been identified as a community with a high number of fires mainly in the following zip codes: 10032, 10033, 10034, 10040, 10041.
- C. After the Fire Safety Workshop on Wednesday February 17 residents will receive a link / information about free home installation.

Questions: *Is the electrical lamp cord related to the .99cents store plugs (related to Hillside fire).*

Answer: *It was an extension but the investigation did not determine what type of plug was used. - Extensions cords should not be purchased from these stores. They should be UL certified and not used for toaster and other kitchen appliances. They were originally created for sound systems and not for heating and warming devices.*

Questions: *Cord the FDNY provide best cords to use?*

Answer: *No, they can't endorse specific products (only certification).*

III. DOCCS Edgcombe Facility (Superintendent Miller)

- A. *There was one COVID case. An incarcerated individual who was released from an upstate facility. It was believed (possibly) he came with COVID within the 14 days period. Upon arrival they stayed in a separate location. A source couldn't be identified.*
- B. *They've been doing regular testing and for the month of January had 2 staff members who were positive. 1 staff out because their child was positive.*
- C. *Shared: Information on Mask with Examples of those being used.*
- D. *Vaccination Update: Plans are in place and schedule but they are waiting for their allotment. They are canvassing to see who is interested but all would be eligible.*

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

- **33 Precinct (Deputy Inspector Bello)**
 - *9 shoots, 7 arrests and dont believe all occurred in the 33rds.*
 - *Was up in index crimes the entire year of 2020 with 25% burgs by 5 individuals*

- *There continues to be a package theft pattern with many being updated to Grand Larceny (7 burgs for the 28 day period). Residents are encouraged to schedule deliveries.*
- *Will be starting to prepare for the summer months and will be attending the forum being held by the WAHI Noise Taskforce.*
- **Questions:** *Can you give us a number for noise complaints.*
- **Answers:** *One location 109 called - during the 28 day period. We try to resolve by neighbor to neighbor conversations (knocking on doors to discuss). Noise complaints are difficult when they are in an apartment. They can't enter apartments.*
- **34th Precinct Updates (Lt. Tavares)**
 - *STATS: 0 Murder 2 Rape - 16 Roberries - 12 Burglaries - 44 GL - 8 GLA*
 - *Grand Larceny - E-Bikes and Revels: Increase in battery theft.*
 - *Also be on alert for tax season sams. The spike in burgs has been commercial establishments.*
 - *Noise: Mainly neighbor disputes (kids running, banging etc. 23 calls) 23 calls for calls. There's been a decrease in outside complaints*
 - **Questions:** *11 Seaman Avenue stabbing update?*
 - **Answer:** *It was a domestic dispute. Not many additional details. Someone was arrested without a prior history.*
 - *Follow-up: There are security issues in that building with questions about the actual residents of the apartment.*
 - *Additional Stats;*
<https://compstat.nypdonline.org/2e5c3f4b-85c1-4635-83c6-22b27fe7c75c/view/89>
- *Comment: Inconsistencies and lack of follow-up*
 - *Suggestion: Make note of the concerns and come back to committee to share*

V. DISCUSSION

A. Planning for Re-Imagining Public Safety

1. DATE: March 3, 2021

- #### 2. Summary:
- Public Safety has become one of the most critical issues our city currently faces. After a tumultuous year of continued racial injustices, civil protests and demands for police reform around the country, our city and state have the unique opportunity to shift from preserving the status quo and to truly more toward a more just system. Over the next few months as the budget is considered for FY 22, we need to ensure that reform efforts remain a priority in our city and are felt in our communities. We can't re-imagine public safety without engaging community organizations and community members.

The purpose of our panel on Re-Imagining Public Safety is to provide the community with a deeper understanding of the correlating issues beyond just police reform and to solicit input.

Possible Panelist to Invite:

- a) **Iesha Sekou (Street Corner Resources):** Street Corner Resources seeks to create a more peaceful community by providing teenagers and young adults greater access to real employment, education, training and other resources to assist them as they strive for success.
- b) **Jackie Rowe-Adams (Harlem Mothers SAVE) - Gun Violence Advocacy Organization and CB12 Community Resident:** *The mission at Harlem Mothers & Fathers S.A.V.E is to prolong life among New York City's youth by preventing gun violence and its social causes and cost. This single issue, not-for-profit organization divides its efforts into three areas: Activism, Education and Victim Services. Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E. has been a grass-root movement for the advocacy of gun violence victims and their families since its inception in 2006. From organizing marches; town hall meetings & forums, Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E. has also been a staunch supporter of "Sensible & Responsible Gun Laws.*

- c) **Jumaane Williams (Public Advocate Office):** See the [PA Public Education Action Plan](#): Redefining Public Safety Is A Public Education Campaign That Helps Envision Non-police Alternatives To Ensuring Safety In Ten Key Areas. In The Coming Months, My Office Will Be Partnering With Community Organizations And Issue Experts To Release Whitepapers, Zines, And Other Materials That Will Fully Explore The Following Issues:

Other Items/Topics

Allegra LeGrande

Concern with lack of meetings and structure. Has not been consulted on remote communication and setting up the meetings. Requested to send follow-up email which was shared below:

“I started going to the 34th precinct community council to improve the relationship between people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and the police. I have to say that I have not had any meaningful (system-wide) success.

When George Espinal and the rest of the PCC were removed in 2013, the diversity amongst the council officers was also lost — and never improved again.

The 34 PCC was already on its last legs attendance wise pre-COVID. The NCO build your block meetings largely co-opted the function that the PCC used to maintain. It is more convenient to attend, but the precinct commander, DA’s office, etc. obviously do not go to all of these.

But, for the last year, it has been summarily dismantled for the last year. There has only been two attempts to host a meeting post March2020. In the first, no one was allowed to participate except for the PCC president. In the second, the zoom call was set up incorrectly (apparently across all PCC’s), and yielded host abilities to all participants (and thus was sabotaged).

I have during this time appealed to the Precinct commander numerous times to allow me to be host — or walk them through setting up a meeting. The precinct commander does not respond.

I did not find out that the meeting was cancelled in January, except through a FB blast.

Now, some of the newly proposed police ‘reforms’ want to include the PCC as a means for communities to choose their own precinct commander. There is no functional PCC to serve this role in the 34.

I believe that the existence of the PCC is dictated by charter in NYC. I do not understand how it could be removed without a change to that document.

I recognize that CB12 cannot ‘fix’ this issue. However, it can memorialize it in its meeting notes. And it could even draft a resolution on a suggested pathway to fixing this problem — or make it an agenda item for discussion in a future meeting.”