

Public Safety Committee Forum Minutes – CB 12 Manhattan
December 10th 2014 – 7pm

Attendance: Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair Maurice Owen-Michaane, Assistant Chair;
Pamela Palanque-North; Isidro Medina
Board Members: George Fernandez Jr; Obie Bing; Ayisha Ogilvie; Fe Florimón

Forum called to order at 7:05pm

- Chairman George Fernandez welcomed everyone to the forum, went into a brief discussion of the public safety issues of the community that culminated in tonight's forum
- Chairman Fernandez introduced members of the Board, the Public Safety Committee, and special guests, including the 34th and 33rd, the Borough President's office and others
- Chair Ally welcomed everyone to the forum, and began the forum by calling up the NYPD to give a presentation
- **NYPD 33rd Precinct report – Sgt. Doty & Officer Guzman**
 - Crime is down significantly in the precinct for the YTD, including down 13% in serious crimes, down 30% in robberies, down 14% in felony assaults
 - Precinct is 73 of 77 in terms of crime reductions (with a higher number being best in terms of rankings)
 - 2 murders, including 175th and Amsterdam and 172nd and Amsterdam, arrest made on the 175th murder
 - 3 shootings occurred, including west 116. West 162nd and west 157th, with the 1st two being the same perp
 - Officer Guzman discussed community outreach programs, including Little Leagues, and Police Athletic Leagues
 - Several questions were asked by members of the community that touched on community relations issues, as well as quality of life and fraud prevention issues
- **NYPD 34th Precinct report – Lt. Muniz & Det. Pabey**
 - Crime is down significantly in the precinct for the YTD
 - Crime down 4.4% YTD;
 - Impact zone expanded to cover the hours of 8pm through 4am, 7 days a week, from Dyckman to 207th Street
 - Dt. Pabey spoke about community outreach programs, including Little Leagues, and Police Athletic Leagues
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 - A resident of the community, Coach Dave, announced he would be interested in partnering with the NYPD to provide sports clinics for youths in schools

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- **Manhattan District Attorney’s Office Presentation – ADA Rey Cabrera & Community Coordinator Sandrine Fermino**
 - ADA Cabrera gave a lengthy presentation on how the Manhattan DA’s office uses data to focus on reducing crime pockets throughout the borough
 - ADA Cabrera also spoke about recent gang busts including at the grant houses
 - ADA Cabrera spoke about the DA’s community relations efforts including using forfeiture funds to pay for after school programs and night programs for kids, including “Saturday Night Lights” which provides over 3,000 youth with activities to stay off the streets, with athletic coaches
 - Sandrine Fermino expanded further on the community relations and community outreach programs of the DA’s office, and how the DA’s office has put out RFP’s for the community to add even more programming for youth that will be funded by the DA’s office
- **Manhattan Borough President’s Office – Giovanni Puello – Community Liaison**
 - Mr. Puello thanked everyone who had given a presentation, and reiterated that the Borough President’s Office was very interested in working with Community Based Organizations and others to improving community relations and expanding programs for youth
- **Public Comment Period**
 - Several residents got up to speak about:
 - Improving community relations
 - Ways to combat fraud and crime
 - Continuing the forum dialogue beyond the forum
- **Closing Remarks by Chair Ally**
 - Thanked everyone for coming and making presentations
 - The Committee will draft a next steps and action plan in January
- **Forum adjourned at 930pm**