

May 3rd, 2023
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Public Safety Minutes

Board Members Present: Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Luana Ferreira, Katherine Diaz

Board Members Absent: Eleazar Bueno, Jumirna Alcober, Barbara Frazier, Nobles Crawford, and Genesis Salas

Staff Present: Shinelle Paniagua

The meeting was called to order @ 7:09 p.m. by Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky.

33rd Precinct Stats:

Crime overall is down 24%

Robbery is down 50%

Assault is down 27%

Burglary 78%

Grand Larceny is down 20%

Auto theft is down 16%

These low crime rates are attributed to more arrests, more police presence, high NYPD visibility, and more units Field Training Units (FTU) deployed.

Question: What is being done about delivery people mopeds, motorized vehicles, and violating traffic lights? This poses a threat to pedestrians, particularly senior citizens.

Answer: The rule dictates that NYPD is not allowed to chase them. The responsibility falls on the NYPD if motor drivers get hurt. Unregistered motorized bikes are confiscated. It is understood that there are safety issues, threats to seniors, and the overall lack of accountability posing a danger. To members of the community. NYPD understands that reckless driving on the sidewalk poses potential harm to pedestrians.

Question: Where are the NYPD cruisers? There seem to be reduced cruisers on Broadway where transit police are more visible than NYPD itself. other than traffic lack of visibility

Precinct: Cruiser visibility will depend on where the job is. However, there is a presence.

34th Precinct Stats

Report based on a 28-day period

Rape is down to 0 so far this year

Robberies Down 15%

Assaults down 21%

Burglary up 13%

GI Down 44%

Auto 19%

Overall crime down

Quality of life: 144 summonses

Question: The media is reporting excessive visibility of used needles in subway stations, with some titles being dubbed Washington Heights and Inwood as a destination for needle usage.

Answer: Whereas this is a 911 Concern and NYPD deals with the criminal portion of needle usage, this is a sanitation concern where more clean-ups need to be scheduled. The community is encouraged to reach out to the Corner Project as they have been tasked to deal with clean-ups.

Comment: Shoutout to the precinct for the arrest of vehicular crime by Inwood Bar and Grill and the second one on Broadway.

Concern and Question: Open-air marihuana consumption. Vehicles near the 207 area with paper plates are a concern especially when families are going to play baseball and pass clouds of smoke. Are there any limits to dealings or smoking in public?

Answer: With marihuana being legal, there are no more arrests for possession of small amounts (2 oz), rather, investigations are more for narcotics, possession of large amounts of marihuana, or actual marihuana purchasing. Transactions are not legal; however, the exchange of cash needs to be visible for it to be criminal.

Question: How are the precincts addressing the issue of ATVs and dirt bikes?

NYPD is regulating entry into the area with bikes being taken in and 50+ summons given.

There is a dedicated team monitoring the entry of these vehicles into the area, however, it's beyond the bandwidth of the precincts. NYPD will continue to have high visibility in the area to offset the entry of these vehicles.

Concern/Comment: Two shootings, loud music, high drug area. Bar is open until 1:00 a.m. in the Fort George Area.

Response: NYPD has little jurisdiction over business. That is a licensing issue. The influx of people coming into the area is high and it's not for lack of enforcement. NYPD has issued 1594 double parking summons. NYPD has also designated Dyckman to 211 (mostly on Broadway) as a special attention zone where the Influx of 40+ cops will be deployed.

Comment: Specific concerns regarding local businesses can be emailed to the CB12 office with the name of the business. This becomes part of CB12 records and community members can also attain rosters containing names of businesses coming forward to ask for or renew their liquor license.

Reports

Superintendent Miller

Edgecombe Residential Treatment Facility

For seven months at the forefront of transitional housing and working alongside Women's Work Release. This initiative is funded by the governor and as of late, their annual report was provided to the legislature with 98 individuals coming through the facility 26 being placed into permanent housing. Nobody has been arrested since its opening in August proving this re-entry initiative to be effective. There is a curfew at 10:00 p.m. and the organization offers services in offender rehabilitation. An annual tour for members of the community is slated for 1st Tuesday in June (30 people max so RSVP is required.) The invitation is open to the public where attendees can see changes from last year as well as a promotional video.

Joselyn Minaya

DA's Office

The indictment of the driver who caused the accident at Inwood Bar and Grill

The indictment of the driver who crashed on Broadway (Near Funeraria Ortiz)

Announcement: DA Summer Youth Violence Prevention Program for a second summer in a row offering microgrants for 20K for community-based organizations to reduce crimes in the targeted neighborhoods of Washington Heights, Inwood, Harlem, and Lower East Side.

Upcoming: Workers Protection Unit Tasked to target Wage Theft regardless of citizenship status. In conjunction with the Department of Labor (DOL), there will be a restitution fund.

Comment: There was an exploited worker's task force in the past that worked in conjunction with DOL to address this. There is no knowledge as to whether such a task force is still in existence.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.
Minutes Submitted by Luana Ferreira

