

CB 12 Public Safety Committee Meeting – October 2016

Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 6:30 pm

Location: Isabella Geriatric Center Library

a joint meeting of the Committees of Public Safety and Concerns for the Aging

Public Safety Members present: Arlene Schulman, Chair; Assistant Chair Javier Trejo; Isidro Medina, Natalie Espino, Carlos Suero, Richard Lewis, Rud Morales, and Public Member: Rasheed Young. Absent: Katherine Diaz

Concerns for the Aging Committee present: Liliana Saneaux, Chair; Fern Hertzberg; Public Member Norma Candido. Absent: Mary Anderson, Assistant Chair.

NYPD: Captain Donahue and Officer Danny Guzman of the 33rd Precinct; Officers Frey and Belokopitsky of Transit District 3; Sergeant Juan Terrero and Officer Edwin Rodriguez of the 34th Precinct

FDNY: no representative

Representative from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's office: Lesly Almanzar

Public: Estela de Grullon de los Santos; Dalia Cruz Amaro; Rafael Meybeles; Yudy Burgos, Edith Prentiss representing WHCOA

Minutes: Natalie Espino

7:15 pm. Committee called to order

Welcoming Remarks from Arlene Schulman and Liliana Saneaux noting that this is a Joint meeting organized in light of Domestic Violence Awareness Month to address issues of Elder Abuse of interest to both committees.

Guests Panelists:

- Catherine Christian, Manhattan DA's Office, Special Assistant District Attorney for External Affairs and Chief of Elder Abuse Unit
- Verna V. Arthur, NYC Department for the Aging Director Manhattan Community Outreach
- Joselinne Minaya, Manhattan DA's office, Director Uptown Office

Catherine Christian:

- Elder Abuse: any case in which victim is over 60 years of age triggers notification in Elder Abuse Unit
- Perpetrators can be family members, caregivers, neighbors,
- Types: Physical Abuse, financial abuse (fraud, theft), human trafficking
- Majority of victims are female
- Most common case type is financial
- Resources: HOTLINE 24-hr voicemail, Witness Aides, Social Workers, Language assistance available, non-criminal cases referred to appropriate agencies including NYC Dept. for the Aging

Verna Arthur:

- There is much case consultation collaboration with DA's Elder Abuse Unit
- NYC Dept for the Aging Funds Neighborhood Initiatives like Community Elder mistreatment and Abuse Prevention at Carter Burden Center for the Aging
- Other Resources:
 - New York City Connects: resource guide for disabled and caregivers.
 - Thrive NYC: Mental Health Support

Joselinne Minaya

Uptown Office always operates jointly with Elder Abuse Unit

Q&A

Richard Lewis: Abusive Landlords who target seniors for illegal evictions and abuse in Nursing homes

Catherine Christian cited recent cases with indictments of landlords pending; all nursing home issues are the purview of the Attorney General

Joselinne Minaya asked any complaints be referred to her office

Arlene Schulman: single most moving case

Catherine Christian: cognitively impaired neighbor conned into signing a power of attorney to the neighbor who then redirected funds and deposits into a joint account. Case was flagged by a social worker doing a well visit.

Fern Hershberg : Are these agencies able to investigate systemic landlord abuse by single management companies?

Catherine Christian: recommend the DA's tenant protection unit

Arlene to officers: How do they respond to elderly they suspect of neglect or abuse?

Officer Danny Guzman of the NYPD's 33rd Precinct: officers much approach elderly carefully and with respect lest they appear to insult them. He reiterates that reports with a witness over 60 gets flagged for referral to Elder Abuse Unit or NYC office for the Aging.

Verna Arthur: expresses her objection to the Committee for the Aging meeting in the evening

Joint Meeting Adjourns 8:30pm

Public Safety met to review and determine budget priorities until 10 pm.
Committee for the Aging adjourned at 9 pm

Public Safety Committee Precinct Reports

33rd Precinct – Captain Donohue

Crime down 35% in the last 28-day period

Update on Highbridge Park Shooting: All those involved from outside the area. Altercation arose during Drug deal/drug use. Suspects in custody. One fatality; Surviving victim arrested for possession

34th Precinct – Sergeant Terrero

Neighborhood Coordinating Supervisor; Officer Rodriguez NCO sector Adam

Crime down 7% in the last 28-day period

Shooting on 183rd and Audubon (WHEN?) suspect identified soon to be arrested

Quality of Life Report:

311 Noise complaints down to 1539 from 1672 in the previous 28-day period

New system of unannounced visits to night clubs and increased patrols at closing time.

Q&A to 34th Precinct officers

Arlene Schulman: update on shooting on 207th and 10th.

Officer: Investigation ongoing. Shooting actually took place on Academy St. and Post Ave.

Isidro Medina: asks if licensing committee can be kept in the loop about incidents or issues linked to local businesses, so they have context for license applications and renewals; also

asks about a reckless driving incident near Lucky Seven Monday night (October 3) 10:30 -
Precinct will follow up

Transit District 3 Officer Frey

2 crimes on uptown A; victims fell asleep and were robbed
2 felony assault charges after altercation between teenage female and elderly male
escalated.

Q&A to Transit

Arlene: Increase in Homeless sleeping in trains
Officer Frey: ongoing outreach and referral to DHS

Joint Meeting adjourns at 8:30 pm

Committees regroup to discuss budget priorities

Concerns of the Aging Committee:

- Return to day time Meetings/Approved
- Walk for Seniors @ The Armory (tbd)
- Pending Issues on Budget (tbd)
- Invite Con Ediso; RAPP; Food Council again to meetings
- Senior Centers Programmed Visits (tbd)
- Old Priorities.

**Present: Fern Hertzberg/Norma Candido/Liliana Saneaux-Guest: Edith
Prentiss/WHICOA**

Aging adjourns at 9 pm
Public Safety adjourns at 10 pm

**Public Safety's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 2nd at
George Washington High School in the Library. Meeting time 7 pm.**