

**Minutes for January 26, 2016
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Jay Litwin, who presided as chairperson.

Ben Kallos

Council member Ben Kallos reported that last week a rezoning plan was filed that would cap the proposed superscraper on East 58th Street at 260 feet. He went on to discuss quality-of-life issues in the city—such as homelessness—and his promise to continue to focus on them in the future. He noted, as well, that the city has failed to collect \$1.6 billion in fines issued by various city agencies, and confirmed the City Council’s work toward finding a way to settle this outstanding debt. He then conducted a brief question-and-answer period.

New Officers

Deputy Inspector McPherson introduced the new officers who joined the 17th Precinct as part of the department’s field-training program.

Traffic Update

Captain Martha Doble provided an update on traffic issues in the precinct and responded to community member questions and concerns about specific locations.

State of the Command

Deputy Inspector McPherson presented the State of the Command:

Precinct statistics:

Personnel:

106 officers in 2015, down from 118 in 2014

12 detectives in 2015, down from 13 in 2014

Major Crimes:

986 reported in 2015, up from 910 in 2014

Murder/Homicide:

1 in 2015, up from 0 in 2014

Rape:

3 in 2015, down from 11 in 2014

Robbery:

49 in 2015, down from 64 in 2014

Assault:

74 in 2015, up from 46 in 2014

Burglary:

98 in 2015, down from 124 in 2014

Grand Larceny:

721 in 2015, up from 635 in 2014

Grand Larceny, Auto:

40 in 2015, up from 30 in 2014

Arrest Activity:

Uniformed Patrol

704 arrests in 2015, down from 1,169 in 2014

(Commander McPherson noted here that Mayor de Blasio has stressed *quality* over *quantity* since taking office)

Detective Squad

231 arrests in 2015, down from 234 in 2014

Summons Activity (incl. moving violations, parking violations, criminal violations, and E.C.B. [Environmental Control Board] violations):

18,362 in 2015, down from 25,851 in 2014

DI McPherson then answered community member questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.