

Minutes for February 24, 2015
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Jay Litwin, who presided as chairperson.

Mr. Litwin began the meeting by introducing Captain Paul Lanot, the precinct's new executive officer, who attended in the absence of D.I. McPherson.

The minutes of the September 2014 and November 2014 meetings were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Maryann Caliri reviewed the council's finances:

Income generated from the 2014 street fair and the block party, plus donations from the D.A.'s office and SAC, equaled \$13,800. Expenses, including Medal Night, National Night Out Against Crime, the baseball game, and the holiday party, totaled \$11,587.

D.A.'s Office Update

Linda Janneh, from the Manhattan District Attorney's office, described the six-week Internship Program sponsored by the D.A.'s Office; she reviewed the requirements for applying and reminded council members that the deadline for applications this year is March 27.

Beekman Place

Dean Stefanides, president of the Beekman Place Association, provided an overview of what his association does. Because this two-block neighborhood is a dead end, the buildings within Beekman hire their own private security guard who patrols the neighborhood each night. The association plants flowers in the spring, throws a Halloween celebration for children in October, and decorates a holiday tree, complete with carolers from the Turtle Bay Music School, each December. A number of years ago the association successfully fought a battle to keep Beekman

Place permanently downsized—that is, now and in the future, no developer can put up a building in the neighborhood taller than those already standing.

Reports from Offices of Elected Officials

Howard Levine, representing City Council Member Daniel Garodnick’s office, introduced himself and invited community members to contact his office should they have any questions or concerns. Joseph Strong, representing Ben Kallos, reviewed the issues City Council Member Kallos is currently involved with, including advocating for new bullet-proof vests for the NYPD and working to reduce homelessness in the city.

Traffic

Sergeant Ian Holtzman reported that he and his team continue to make arrests of individuals who are violating bicycle laws in the precinct. In addition, they have been focusing on traffic enforcement in the Thirties around New York Hospital and on clearing Sutton Place of parked livery cabs that are waiting for passengers.

Q&A

Captain Lanot conducted a brief question-and-answer period, focusing largely on quality-of-life issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.