Minutes for February 26, 2019 17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

The January 2019 minutes were read and approved.

Cops of the Month

Officers Kenneth Feeley and Brittany Postiglione received the Cop of the Month Award for their arrest of two individuals responsible for a series of pattern thefts at neighborhood Duane Reade stores.

Council Member Powers

Council Member Keith Powers spoke briefly about street safety and traffic issues in the 17th Precinct and thanked the precinct for its enforcement work. The councilmember announced that he and other community representatives soon would be doing a "walk-through" around the Queens Midtown Tunnel area to look for ways to make safety improvements. In addition, he responded to community member questions, primarily about bicycles in the precinct.

Bicycle and Traffic Update

Captain Wynne reported that the precinct is continuing to increase its writing of bicycle-related summonses. He also updated community members on the two serious accidents that occurred within the precinct during the past month.

D.A.'s Office Presentation

A representative from the D.A.'s office spoke about the arrest-to-sentencing process, covering such topics as the difference between violations, misdemeanors, and felonies; the collection of evidence; probable cause for an arrest; arraignment of suspects; bail; plea agreements; conditional versus unconditional discharge; fines; and terms of imprisonment.

Q&A

President Roberts and Captain Wynne conducted a brief question-and-answer period.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.