

Minutes for February 27, 2018
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was held to honor Olga Hoffmann, longtime member of the community council, and Jay Litwin, who had previously served for forty years as president of the community council.

Approval of Minutes

The January 2018 minutes were approved.

Hate Crimes

D.I. Papamichael announced that, following a thorough investigation, Hate Crimes had arrested two of the three individuals responsible for painting a swastika on the front of the synagogue last fall.

Capt. Conor Wynne

Capt. Conor Wynne was introduced as the new commanding officer of the 17th Precinct. He's been on the force for fourteen years, most recently as the commanding officer of the Times Square Unit. He will take over the command of the 17th the first week of March. D.I. Nicole Papamichael, departing commander, has been transferred to the NYPD Medical Division in Queens.

Auxiliary Unit

Officer Wood, coordinator of the 17th Precinct's Auxiliary Unit, spoke about the training and role of these volunteer officers within the department. Following six weeks of academics and a couple weeks of self-defense training, candidates must pass both a written and a physical exam. The twenty to twenty-five auxiliary officers in the 17th Precinct

work primarily on traffic control at accident-prone or high-volume intersections.

D.A.'s Office

Kevin JeanBaptiste, from the Manhattan D.A.'s office, announced that the D.A. has recently formed a Work-Related Sexual Violence Team, an investigation unit to be staffed by fifteen A.D.A.s and a social worker. In addition, he cautioned community members about the IRS phone scam, which is still prevalent.

Q&A

D.I. Papamichael conducted a lengthy question-and-answer period, with many questions about e-bikes, unpacking of Amazon packages on residential streets, problematic intersections, and so forth.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.