Minutes for March 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.

Approval of Minutes

The February 2018 minutes were approved.

Cop of the Month

Police Officers Gavin Hormillosa and Johanan Shields received Cop of the Month awards for their work in arresting three men stealing a motorcycle.

2018 Election

Vice President Tom Doughtery read the list of members in good standing who are eligible to serve on the Election Committee for the upcoming council election: Bunny Blei volunteered to be on the committee.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in honor of Lt. Michael Davidson, a firefighter who was killed battling a fire in Harlem earlier in the month.

Capt. Conor Wynne

Capt. Conor Wynne, the 17th's new commanding officer, briefly recapped his transition into the precinct and announced that, year to date, major crimes in the precinct are down 10.5 percent.

Mayor's Initiatives to Reduce Congestion

Capt. Wynne outlined the mayor's initiatives to reduce congestion, a sixmonth pilot program that begins April 2. The three-pronged approach includes (1) "Clear Intersections," that is, expanding block-the-box enforcement to reduce gridlock; (2) "Clear Curbs," piloting curbside access restrictions to reduce travel lane blockages; and (3) "Clear Lanes,"

keeping traffic moving in Manhattan's central business district. The NYPD has committed significant resources toward enforcing these initiatives.

D.A.'s Office

Kevin JeanBaptiste, from the Manhattan D.A.'s office, reminded community members to call 911 if they see someone overdosing; he also encouraged community members to consider carrying Narcan, a nasal spray that can reverse the effects of overdose.

Q&A

Capt. Wynne and President Roberts conducted a lengthy question-andanswer period, with many members expressing concerns about various traffic issues, problematic intersections, unauthorized use of parks, including pocket parks, and so on.

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