

**Minutes for April 24, 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 March 2018 minutes were approved.

**2018 Election**

Bunny Blei, this year's Election Committee, read the list of members in good standing who are eligible to run for a seat on the board and vote in the upcoming election.

**ASPCA**

Mike Mugan, retired NYPD captain and current law enforcement liaison between the ASPCA and the NYPD for Manhattan, discussed the partnership between the two organizations and the ways in which they work together to prevent animal cruelty. He was joined by Lisa Martinez, of the ASPCA, who spoke in some detail about the ASPCA's role in preventing cruelty and neglect, in working with pet owners who have difficulty providing adequate food and medical care for their pets, and in intervening in animal-related emergency situations.

**Samaritan Village, East 53rd Street**

John Wilson, director of operations at Samaritan Village on East 53rd Street, and his colleague, Edgar Hardy, director of social services, described their facility and clientele. The 127-bed shelter provides services to a "general population" clientele, most of whom have substance abuse issues, and some of whom have mental health issues. The facility does have on-site security. Misters Wilson and Hardy responded to several community member questions.

## **Possible Street Reconfiguration**

Matt Roberts alerted community members about the proposal by NYU Medical Center to convert East 41st Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues from a two-way street to a one-way street. It will come before CB6 in early May.

## **Precinct Updates**

Capt. Wynne reviewed crime stats for the month: All major index crimes—with the exception of felony assault—were down. He then provided a brief update on actions the precinct has taken in response to recent community concerns: (1) In the last 28 days, officers in the 17th Precinct have conducted twenty-five school visits. (2) As a follow-up to community concerns about neighborhood parks, the precinct has implemented a program whereby officers visit the parks more frequently, often walking through, not just driving by, in order to check out any suspicious behavior. And (3) Officers have now begun tracking five locations, which were selected based on the number of community member complaints, at which retailers unload trucks, and they will continue to monitor the truck activity in these spots moving forward.

## **Q&A**

Capt. Wynne and Pres. Roberts concluded the meeting by addressing community member questions about dangerous bicycle behavior, problematic CitiBike hub locations, and so on.

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