

Minutes for May 30, 2017
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

The minutes to the April 2017 meeting were read and approved.

Queens Midtown Tunnel

DI Papamichael reported that additional Traffic agents have been assigned to the streets around the Queens Midtown Tunnel on weekends. There are now fifteen; previously there were two. She is hopeful that these additional agents are not just a temporary measure but will remain for the long term. Second Avenue now has a bike lane (although the pavement markings have not yet been completed), which further complicates things in this already congested area. She will continue to forward community complaints to Transportation, the mayor's office, and other relevant city agencies.

Repairs to the plaza on the Manhattan side of the tunnel are projected to be complete in July.

Homeless

DI Papamichael described how the officers work with Homeless Outreach and other city agencies to address the needs of homeless day to day, from helping them get into a shelter to facilitating medical or psychiatric evaluations when needed to directing them to treatment programs for substance abuse.

Q&A

Matt Roberts and DI Papamichael conducted a brief question-and-answer period.

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