

**Minutes for June 30, 2015**  
**17th Precinct Community Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Jay Litwin, who presided as chairperson.

**Community Affairs Officer Award**

The 17th Precinct presented Detective Frank Bogucki with an award commemorating his thirty years as Community Affairs Officer with the department. In the future, the monthly award given by the community council will be known as the Frank Bogucki Cop-of-the-Month plaque.

**City Council Update**

Ben Kallos announced that the new budget has allowed for an additional 1,300 cops to be hired. He also reported that the 17th Precinct Community Council will be receiving \$1,000 to spend as it sees fit. In addition, he encouraged community members to sign the petition protesting the 900-foot “super-scraper” planned for East 58th Street.

**Murray Hill**

Diane Bartok, of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke about the issues her organization is faced with today, including the 30th Street men’s shelter. Murray Hill, in conjunction with other organizations, has encouraged the shelter to develop programs for the men: résumé writing, neighborhood upkeep, etc., programs that will be beneficial to both the men and the community. She also discussed the idea of changing certain traffic patterns in the neighborhood in order to address the increasingly bad traffic congestion. She responded to several community member questions.

**Community Board 6 Update**

Fred Arcaro, of Community Board 6, reported that, at the request of the community boards, select buses will once again be distinguished from regular buses by a flashing light—a color other than blue will now be used.

## **Precinct Updates**

D.I. McPherson indicated that the precinct continues to work toward having the problem store on 33rd Street and Third Avenue closed. In June, the 17th Precinct and the 13th Precinct, along with DHS, participated in a joint outreach program for the homeless population; this effort resulted in two arrests for disorderly conduct. D.I. McPherson finished up with a brief question-and-answer period.

Oleg Chernyavsky, an attorney from the NYPD legal department, offered to answer community member questions on the First Amendment following the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.