

**Minutes for September 5, 2019**  
**17th Precinct Community Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Fred Arcaro provided a financial report: This summer, the Community Council moved its accounts from M and T Bank to Chase and purchased a \$15,000 CD at 2%. As of June 5, 2019, the Community Council's balance was \$25,302.08.

**Cop of the Month**

P.O. Komiko Condelario-Toth received the Cop of the Month Award for her work as domestic violence officer in the precinct.

**Crime Strategies Unit (CSU), Manhattan DA's Office**

Andrew Warshawer, chief of the Crime Strategies Unit with the Manhattan DA's Office, spoke to community members about how the CSU serves as the Office's "intel arm," ensuring that prosecutors have all the available information on those individuals who come before them. In this way, the majority of the DA's resources can be focused toward priority offenders. Andrew also outlined two state law changes that will kick in on January 1, 2020:

(1) Bail reform laws: Bail for misdemeanors will be eliminated, except for sex crimes and violations of orders of protection. Remands for misdemeanors will be barred. Bail and pretrial detention will also be eliminated for most nonviolent felonies.

(2) Discovery reform laws: Grand jury proceedings will no longer be secret. Prosecutors will have to turn over their evidence to defense counsel within fifteen days after arraignment. There are certain exceptions and a provision that allows for a thirty-day extension.

Andrew concluded by answering community member questions.

## **2nd/3rd Avenue Infrastructure Improvements**

Dave Frank, chief engineer for the Infrastructure Replacement Project, provided an update with regard to the infrastructure improvements currently underway in the 30s on 2nd and 3rd Avenues. This fall, the work scheduled includes the excavation for the Trunk Water Main north of West 34th Street along the west side of 2nd Avenue. Dave shared with community members photos of the underground work sites and conducted a brief question-and-answer period.

## **UNGA Preparation**

Matt Roberts and Captain Wynne reviewed what to expect for the upcoming United Nations General Assembly, including significant traffic delays, pedestrian holdups when motorcades are passing, checkpoints on streets surrounding the UN, parking disruptions, and so forth. Sunday, September 22, through Friday, September 27, will be the busiest days for our precinct. Matt and the captain answered several community member questions about procedures during the general assembly.

## **Command Update**

Captain Wynne reported that burglaries over the summer months were at close to or less than the level they were earlier in the year. There was a small increase in felony assaults—the precinct will keep a close eye on this as we move forward.

## **Q&A**

Matt Roberts and Captain Wynne responded to community member questions, primarily about delivery trucks blocking bus and cab access in the Sutton Place area, and concerns about bicycles throughout the precinct.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.