

Minutes for SEPTEMBER 6, 2018
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

For fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, the Community Council's income totaled \$11,293, and the council's expenses were \$7,789.01. Our cash in the bank now totals \$37, 659.81.

UNGA

The busy week for the precinct will be the week of September 24.

Homeless Conditions

Sergeant Joe Leonard updated the community on homeless conditions in the precinct. As the precinct has worked with other community outreach programs, some improvements have been observed on Third Avenue at 32nd and 33rd Streets, on Second Avenue at 37th Street near the tunnel, and on Madison and 36th Street near Morgan Library. Patrols continue to follow up at Peter Detmold Park, Dag Hammarskjöld Plaza, and on Sutton Place South and East 53rd Street.

Crime Update

For the previous twenty-eight period, six of the seven major index crimes were down; grand larceny auto (particularly motorcycles) was up by two crimes (six versus four). Property crimes, such as purse snatches and cell phone snatches, were down.

NCO Report

The NCOs discussed several items they're working on, including scheduling Build a Block meetings, visiting areas where homeless gather and offering services to them, dealing with idling buses, visiting precinct schools, and speaking with doormen in residential buildings.

Second Avenue Construction

David Frank, chief engineer of the Infrastructure Replacement Project on Second Avenue, provided an update on the progression of the work. Replacement of the pipes below 33rd and 34th Streets is going well.

Traffic Issues

For the preceding twenty-eight-day period, most traffic-related offenses were down; pedestrian injuries were up slightly.

Update from the DA's Office

Kevin Jean-Baptiste provided an update from the DA's office. On August 1, the Manhattan DA's new policy not to prosecute low-level marijuana cases went into effect. In addition, the DA's office launched the Manhattan HOPE program (that is, Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education program) in Manhattan North. Eligible individuals with arrests for low-level drug possession are diverted from the criminal justice system to receive addiction treatment and other services they need.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.