

**Minutes for October 26, 2017
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Matt Roberts, president of the community council.

The minutes for the June 26, 2017, meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer gave his summary report for year ending 6/30/17:

opening balance: \$25,695.36

total revenue: \$11,295

total operating expenses: \$8,832.81

end-of-year balance: \$28,157.55

Captain Pasquale Amatulle was introduced as the new Executive Officer of the precinct.

Cop of the Month

Officers Joachim Riley, Jacqueline Garcia, Greg Rittenhouse, and Zena Brooks all received the Cop of the Month award for their quick thinking in resuscitating two separate individuals in two separate incidents on the same day, Officers Riley and Garcia attended to someone at the U.S. Mission and Officers Rittenhouse and Brooks to someone at Fairway Supermarket.

Synagogue

Rabbi Rebecca Ain spoke briefly to thank everyone for the outpouring of support she and the synagogue received after two unknown individuals painted a swastika on the synagogue door.

Repeat Offenders

Sergeant Jeff Blacer provided recent statistics regarding petit larcenies and repeat offenders in the precinct.

Intelligence-Driven Prosecution

ADA Mary Ostberg talked about intelligence-driven prosecution, that is, how she and her colleagues focus on intelligence sharing and crime tracking so the ADAs who handle the prosecution are able to work in a smarter, more effective way.

District Attorney's Office

Kevin Jean Baptiste was introduced as the new liaison with the D.A.'s office. He responded to several community member questions.

Safe Horizons

Micki Dorosa, a domestic violence systems advocate with Safe Horizons, introduced herself and reminded community members that her organization works closely with victim assistance programs.

Mayor Town Hall Update

DI Papamichael updated the community on the aftermath of the mayor's recent Town Hall in this district, particularly with regard to bicycles and tour bus traffic. The 17th Precinct has increased the number of bike summonses being written. And Midtown South has now established a bicycle unit whose members will be specifically trained. In addition, a bus unit has been assigned to Traffic, and the state DOT has been conducting more frequent inspections of these buses. Since the Town Hall, three buses have been confiscated and more than seventy summonses have been written.

Q&A

Matt Roberts and DI Papamichael conducted a lengthy question-and-answer period, covering issues such as methods in which bicycle delivery people are finding ways around the law, traffic management in the East 30s, and the homeless.

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