

Minutes for October 29, 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.

The September 2019 minutes were read and approved.

Cop of the Month

P.O. James Kearey received the Cop of the Month Award for his work in arresting an individual responsible for a series of package thefts.

Command Update

Captain Wynne reported that, with regard to the major index crimes over the past 28-day period, grand larcenies and burglaries are up. Package theft is driving the increase in burglaries.

Early Voting Controversy at PS 116

To address safety concerns surrounding building access at PS 116 during the early voting period, the precinct provided additional coverage at the building as well as moved one of the crossing guards nearer to the building entrance.

Homeless Update

Going into the colder weather, the NCO teams will conduct two operations a week to make contact with homeless in different areas of the precinct to determine whether those individuals need specific assistance. Patrol cars will also be making direct contact when they see encampments, etc.

Delivery Trucks and Packages Taking Over Streets and Sidewalks

Captain Wynne requested that, when reporting on delivery trucks and packages taking over streets and sidewalks, community members should provide as much specific information as possible, to allow for more effective follow-up: exact location, day of the week, time of day, etc.

Package Theft

In November, the precinct will begin reaching out to building owners and superintendents with tips for keeping packages more secure as we move into the holiday season.

Community Feedback on 2019 UNGA

Signage detailing parking restrictions for 2019 UN General Assembly provided incomplete information. The precinct will take this under advisement for next year.

Manhattan D.A.'s Office

Kevin Jean-Baptiste reported that D.A. Vance, along with Senators Tim Kennedy and Brad Hoylman, have introduced a bill titled the Vehicular Violence Accountability Act, to address the increase in vehicular violence in Manhattan. Kevin also indicated that, as a result of his recent promotion, another attorney from the D.A.'s office will be taking over the role of community coordinator in the future.

Q&A

Matt Roberts and Captain Wynne responded to community member questions, ranging from noise complaints within residential buildings, to options for blocking robocalls, to construction vehicles obstructing bus stops.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.