

Minutes for October 29, 2013
17th Precinct Community Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Jay Litwin, who presided as chairperson.

Captain Kaplan from Transit District 4

Captain Roy Kaplan of Transit District 4 spoke about the challenges facing subway riders in New York City, and he made a number of recommendations, including:

- Whenever possible, keep electronic devices out of sight while on the subway.
- Don't sit near the subway door with electronic devices out on your lap or on the floor in front of you.
- Women should keep pocketbooks under an arm and positioned in front of them.
- Men should keep wallets in their front pocket.

Captain Kaplan conducted a brief question-and-answer period.

Sergeant Ian Holzman, 17th Precinct Traffic Safety Officer

Sergeant Ian Holzman, 17th Precinct Traffic Safety Officer, spoke about bicycle riders in New York City. Bicyclists are required to follow the rules of the road. Police practice a twofold approach when stopping bicyclists: writing summonses and educating riders about relevant traffic laws. Sergeant Holzman concluded by answering community member questions about enforcing both bicycle use rules and vehicular traffic laws in the precinct.

Dan Miner of Community Board 6

Dan Miner, the new district manager of Community Board 6, introduced himself and indicated to community members that there are increasing quality-of-life issues around Dag Hammersjold Plaza and in the Twenties and Thirties with regard to homeless individuals. He reminded everyone that if they see something going on, they should call 311 or, if it's a criminal act in progress, 911.

A representative from Green Acre Park announced that the park is looking for someone new to run the park concession.

Fred Arcaro of Community Board 6 announced that the board will be discussing bicycles and alternative ways to control them at the upcoming November 4 meeting.

Deputy Inspector James Sheerin, commanding officer of the 17th Precinct, briefly responded to community member concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.