

Minutes of the First Community Council
June 26, 2008

The meeting was held at the First Precinct Station, 16 Erickson Place
Anthony Notaro, Council President served as Chair
Executive Officer Joel Fenerice, Rick Lee and Lt Konstaninides represented the Precinct.

Executive Officer, Captain Panarese gave a crime report:

Crime is down substantially in all areas except rape.

There was a discussion about the rape statistic and questions about whether it was acquaintance rape or a serial rapist. There is no evidence of a serial rapist, but there have been two incidents of a different unknown rape in the precinct in the last two reporting periods.

Praise For Police

A regular attendee of the council, George, gave an impassioned speech about how police were asked to risk their lives and were not properly thanked. He made the point that if the rest of us were asked to live with this level of risk we would not show up for work, and asked us to seek justice for the police who are harmed in the line of duty.

Peppers

A neighborhood resident from Franklin Street asked several questions about a shooting that had taken place under her window. She reports that the bar called Peppers is out of control with fights and drinking on the street.

Lt K explained what the Police could do, and what follow up had occurred. There will be more monitoring of Peppers, as staffing allows.

311 and The Community Board

Judy Norinsky of Community Board 1 said it is imperative that the community document these problems by calling 311 when incidents occur. This helps the Board represent their interests before the SLA when liquor licenses come up for approval, and also helps allocate police attention.

50 Murray Street/ between Church and West Broadway

Three building managers from 50 Murray Street spoke about problems on that block. A new residential conversion with 500+ residents is being plagued on weekends by underage drinking and brawling from neighborhood bars. The places mentioned were: Remix, Eamons, Uncle Mikes and the strip club called NY Dolls. The most recent incident was an attack on the wife of an employee by a drunken teenager. The problems begin on Thursday night and escalate through Saturday night, especially as the clubs empty out.

The importance of creating a history by calling 311 was again mentioned. Lt K will work with the managers on the problem

Café Bari

Mrs. Gluska, a resident on Broadway between Prince and Spring, had a similar complaint about Café Bari

Lispenard Street

Brooke Larsen, a resident on Lispenard Street emphasized the importance of taking photos if possible. He presented Lt K with more photos in his ongoing documentation of the illegal handbag trade on his block.

Broadway/Prince Vendors

Leigh Behnke, a resident on Broadway between Prince and Spring, reported violations by first amendment vendors. One group in front of the Steve Madden Store on Broadway is working until 11 at night, and a house music vendor on Prince near the Dean and Deluca kiosk is playing his music. DI Bologna had said selling music was okay, but it can't be audible. Lt K will check on both of these.

A suggestion was made to contact Scott Stringer's office, as well. 1st Amendment vendors need to follow the same rules as the rest of the street vendors.

Gold Street

John Ost of Gold Street thanked the Police for the work they had done with problems at the Murray Bergstrom HS.

He then raised an issue about illegal parking on Gold Street by City vehicles in front of the hospital.

Café Noir

Owners of Café Noir attended. They had had complaints about their business last month. They hoped the problem was solved, and asked for advice on handling unruly customers. Lt K said there had been no recent complaints

Anthony Notaro reported on several subjects:

BIDS

Anthony Notaro reported that the Council would be working with the neighborhood BID and the Downtown Alliance to do some community projects.

Fraudulent Charitable Requests

The Police DO NOT make phone requests. Do not fall for this ploy.

National Night Out

First Tuesday in August. Come and meet your local policemen.

Council Street Fair

Will be held on West Broadway in August. It is produced by a professional enterprise to benefit the council.

Election Results

Elections were held.

AnthonyNotaro- President

Mark Ameroso, Liz Williams VPs

Lois Kennedy- Treasurer

Nancy Horch- Secretary

Trish Pheifer – Recording Secretary

Respectfully Submitted

Leigh Behnke (for Nancy Horch)