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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee
Thursday, February 6, 2025 – 6:30pm
This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Please note: The resolution contained in the committee minutes is a recommendation submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

Resolution for Approval:

Item 1: Calling on New York City to implement or restore a mental health program that integrates licensed, trained social workers within the NYPD to assist patrol officers in responding to individuals in crisis.

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Bill Angelos, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Ellen Polivy*, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider

**Public Member*

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 20

Item 1: NYPD Deputy Inspector Neil Zuber of the 19th Precinct and Captain Timothy Magliente of the 22nd/Central Park Precinct will discuss new initiatives proposed by Commissioner Jessica Tisch, and address issues of public safety, relationships between the various agencies, and expected changes on the Federal level.

Captain Timothy Magliente of the 22nd/Central Park Precinct discussed safety in the park. Robberies since August have decreased after increased staffing. They deal with quality-of-life issues such as pedicab infractions, electric bike rules enforcement, noise control, etc. but there is a staffing shortage.

NYPD Deputy Inspector Neil Zuber of the 19th Precinct addressed the issue of recidivism. Police are arresting the same few people several times for the same crime, but they are released. Since bail reform, there are loopholes in the laws that limit the eligibility for bail, and judges have the discretion to limit enforcement. Looting under \$1000 is considered a minor crime, but repeated offenses are not accumulated to make it a felony. NYPD and the DA's office are working closely together.

Commissioner Tisch prioritized quality of life issues on the subways. The increase in police presence has decreased crime. However, these police have been taken away from patrolling the streets. The Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee will discuss in depth how to approach the issue of bail at our next meeting.

There is a need for more police recruitment, and once hired there is a lag time before they can patrol. The Homeless Outreach unit has been removed in recent budgets. The promise of social workers to help has never materialized. Therefore, the committee passed the following resolution.

WHEREAS the NYPD's division focused on Homeless Outreach has been dissolved, and;

WHEREAS there is a staffing shortage at the NYPD, and;

WHEREAS trained social workers can assist patrol officers to deal with many issues; then;

BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the City to implement or restore a mental health program that integrates licensed social workers within the NYPD to assist patrol officers in responding to individuals in crises, such as by providing specialized support for mental health, substance abuse, domestic abuse, homelessness, or other crises not mentioned, all while improving the quality of life and promoting a more effective community.

Board Members Vote: ADOPTED by a vote of 6-0-0

Yes: Bill Angelos, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Ellen Polivy*, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider

Item 2: Old Business – None discussed.

Items 3: New Business – None discussed.

The meeting ended at approximately 8:24 pm.

Wilma Johnson and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs