

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

November 21, 2017
583 Riverside Drive

Attending Committee Members:

Victor Edwards – Committee Chair,
Harriet Rosebud, (Arts/Culture)

Padmore John – CB9 Chair
Jonathan Thomas (Landmarks)

Guest:

Luke Bailey – Community Member

Derrick Haynes – Cayuga Center

Katie Schaffer – Justice Leadership USA

Estelle Stryker- Santiago - Manhattan D.A Office

Joselinne Minaya - Manhattan D.A Office

David George - RAPP (Release Aging People from Prison)

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with a quorum
The agenda was submitted and accepted.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the committee members, guest and explained the purpose of tonight's meeting – a “round table discussion on incarceration”

Discussion:

The Chair stated that the SPC would dedicate 2018 to examining several areas related to incarceration, including prevention, justice reform and available services for the formerly incarcerated

Manhattan D.A Office

Joselinne Minaya - Manhattan D.A's office:

- Youth Prevention Programs –
 - Saturday Night Lights – Community basketball programs
 - Youth Education Team – Outreach program for community youth
 - Youth HUB – creation of 5 youth HUB to assist specific community's, one HUB to service West Harlem

Derrick Haynes asked why the Saturday night lights program was removed from the Manhattanville Houses and what could be done to reinstate the program. Ms. M stated that an upcoming RFP would address this issue and hopefully the program would return. Mr. Haynes continued by stating that under the new sponsor at the Manhattanville Community center teens were not attending the center as they had in the past. Chair Edwards and CB9 Chair John stated that this would be an issue they would address together with Derrick.

- Re-Entry Forum - held monthly for recently released ex-offenders to provide services, review of parole guide lines and provide encouragement through ex-offenders role models.

Katie Schaffer - Justice Leadership USA

- Bail reform – elimination of bail for most misdemeanors
- Right to a speedy trial - reduce the amount time between arrest and trial
- Reform the discovery laws - provide defense attorneys w/ timely access to all information for trial

David George – RAPP (Release Aging People from Prison)

- David spoke about his organization's campaign to release some of the older inmates from prison that have already serve long sentences and pose no threat to the community.

CB9 Chair John stated he was very much interested in examining the feasibility of creating a community bail initiative that currently existed in both Brooklyn and the Bronx.

Old Business None

New Business None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.,
Next SPC meeting to held on January 16, 2018

Respectfully Submitted

Victor Edwards