

Uniform Service & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 3, 2022

ATTENDANCE: Co-Chairs: Hon. Carolyn Thompson, Hon Patricia-Watler-Johnson Hon Ted Kovaleff, Hon. Georgette Morgan-Thomas, Hon. Solomon Prophete, Hon. Hugo Torres-Fetsco

Board Member Present: Hon. John-Martin Green, Hon. Victor Edwards

Public Member: Alicia Barksdale

Meeting was call called to order by Hon. Carolyn Thompson at 6:40PM

Hon. John-Martin Green spoke on the Commonalities Opposites Partners Peace (COPP)

The Blackberry Production (BP) COPP theatre based community intervention involves the introduction of a learning platform providing a communication skills toolkit to bring police, youth and communities together to alleviate tensions between these often antagonistic forces.

In the short term, the process is giving voice to real fears and frustration of community members and police as we holdup respective and collective mirrors to them.

We expect their experiences and the community-wide engagement to play an important role shifting policing culture and eventually in producing policy changes within law enforcement institutions.

The overall goal of this project is two-fold: to build vision of shared humanity between two seemingly opposing forces, and to create safe environments for both the community and the police who are charged with serving the community.

Hon. John-Martin Green stated that he has worked with some 40 officers in the last few months along with the 26th precinct as well as the 30th precinct.

Recognizing that it is our responsibility to ourselves and to each other to ensure that the dynamic between us is vibrant and healthy, Blackberry Productions continues it's partnership with NYPD and black and Brown youth employing a synthesis of theatre and social-science methods as a way to change the culture of community and policing.

Hon. John-Martin Green will be returning to the committee is December to give a update on the future of a Town Hall Meeting.

30th Precinct: Officer Stumer of the 30th precinct stated he will take back this information so other officer can join in this collaboration.

30th Precinct Officer Stumer, the 28 day crime stats was not available.

Officer Stumer stated that the precinct was working on the Thanksgiving Turkey give away.

Hon. Victor Edwards asked Officer Stumer what is the policy on scooters, electric scooters:

Answer- scooters, e-bikes, electric scooters all have to follow the same rules as cars. Scooter are not license. They also proliferate safety challenges.

Hon. Victor Edwards asked on the issue of the WEED shop located on 145t Street what is being done:

Answer; The Sheriff's office will be taken over and the 30th precinct has given out several summons.

Department of Transportation: Lyle Blackwood: Mr. Blackwood spoke on the Car Share Program which now has been approved permanently for 28 spots in Board 9 district.

Hon. Ted Kovaleff has continue to ask Mr. Blackwood who is the representative for Board 9 and work for Department of Transportation about the Angle Parking along 120th street Riverside Drive.

There has no response from the Department of Transportation. This issue with 120th Angle Parking is now new, this has been going on for more 10 years.

Hon. Victor Edwards stated that he has worked with Lyle Blackwood and he has always work well in getting things done.

Hon. Carolyn Thompson stated that Mr. Blackwood is Board 9 representative and at no time is he or any other representative is to be spoken to in a negative way. Mr. Blackwood can hear our complaint and he must refer the information to his team. I will not tolerate anyone being spoken in such a manner, for that is not who we are.

Community Board 9M will be sending a letter to Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez, in hopes for some a solution to this problem.

PSA 6 Detective Cheatham: Det. Cheatham reported there had been 6 crimes: 3 in Grant Houses and

3 in Mahattanville Houses:

In Grant Houses: Grand Larceny -Domestic Violence where a cellphone, \$10.00 and adapter was removed.

At 1295 Grand Larceny Amsterdam Avenue, where someone too money to buy marijuana and the money was snatched from his hand.

1295 Amsterdam Avenue Grand Larceny a person was strangled.

Grand Houses: Grand Larceny Auto: On October 4, 12, 2022 a car was parked and stolen.

Grand Larceny Auto: On October At 530 West 133rd street another car was park and stolen.

On October 3, Grand Larceny where \$600.00 was removed from a checking account.

NEW BUSINESS: Hon, Victor Edwards will be meeting with Columbia regarding the Shuttle Bus for more information.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

Meeting adjourn at 7:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Thompson

