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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Carmen Rivera, Public Safety Committee Chairperson

The Public Safety Committee met on January 18, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present at the meeting: Nicole Carter, Margarita Espinosa, Marilyn Gurley, Floretta O'Brien, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Carol Robison, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez, Gil Simmons, and Monique Williams.

The Public Safety discussed the following information:

- **Discussion on Liquor License Applications**

The Public Safety Committee met with representatives from Clinton Hall located at 601 East 189th Street, Avenue Gyro located at 2356 Arthur Avenue, and Boca Restaurant and Steak House located at 2458 Webster Avenue in regards to their liquor license application. The Public Safety Committee determined that these establishments are in good standing with the community. The Public Safety Committee did not meet with representatives from Copas Lounge located at 894 East Tremont Avenue and requested to meet with them at a later date as a result of expressed concerns about the establishment. The Public Safety will conduct further review with the Police Department and other agencies for assistance with their recommendation.

Establishment Name & Address	NYC 311 Complaint Reviews	NYPD 48th Precinct Recommendation Review	CB6 Committee Recommendation	Type of License	Hours of Operation
Clinton Hall 601 East 189 th Street	Reviewed	Reviewed	Yes	Renewal	12pm-12am Friday & Saturday 12pm to 2am
Avenue Gyro 2356 Arthur Avenue	Reviewed	Reviewed	Yes	Renewal	11am-9pm
Boca Restaurant & Steak House 2458 Webster Avenue	Reviewed	Reviewed	Yes	Alteration application	4pm to 4am
Copas Lounge 894 E. Tremont	N/A	N/A	N/A	Corporate Change	N/A

- **Information Presentation by the New York City Fire Department on the Available Career Opportunities**

The New York City Fire Department informed the Public Safety Committee about the available career opportunities within the agency. Individuals who are interested in becoming firefighters can apply as early as 17 ½ years of age, but they will not be called until they have reached the age of 21 and the age limit is 29 unless they are serving in the military in which the age limit is 35. The City exam for firefighters is available every five years which means that the exam is available in the next year and a half. Individuals interested in becoming an Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs), Paramedic or Fire Protection Inspector can do so without an age limit. These career opportunities make a real difference every community of New York City.

- **Information Presentation by the SEIU Local 200 on the deployment of the New York City Police Department's Strategic Response Group**

The Public Safety Committee was informed that the Civil Liberties Union is requesting our support their efforts in advocating to City Council and their Elected Officials to disband the New York City Police Department's Strategic Response Group. The New York City Police Department's Strategic Response Group was founded in 2015, but was disbanded for their lack of transparency and has now been reactivated to twenty of the precincts in New York City. It was voiced that this unit is a catalyst for violence in the communities across the City. The Public Safety Committee was informed that members of this unit are police officers who volunteer for this special group and have records of police misconduct. The Civil Liberties Union will participate in a hearing with New York City Council's Public Safety Committee on January 23, 2023. They will be requesting the Strategic Response Group be disbanded and the 90 million dollars budgeted for this unit be allocated for services in the communities across the City.