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Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Public Safety Committee Chairperson: Carmen Rivera

The Public Safety Committee met on September 27, 2023 via Zoom audio and video conference and in-person at the district office. The following Board Members were present at the meeting: Carmen Rivera, Reggie Powell, Margarita Espinosa, Rosa Peraza, Jessii Parham

The Public Safety Committee discussed the following information:

- **Sazon y Sabores, 485 East 180th Street - New Application and Temporary Retail Permit**

The family restaurant is under the new ownership of William Holguin, which was finalized at the beginning of August. The board informed the owner that there are many existing violations at the site that date prior to the purchase. There was a reported running hydrant in July, a bicycle accident in September, and reports of loud music playing in May and September. Surrounding the restaurant are gas stations, tire shops, and a salon. The board recommended that the owner become familiar with the NCO and attend local precinct council meetings to establish a rapport. The committee made a motion for recommendation to approve the application with no stipulations.

- **Colima Taqueria LLC, 608 East 187th Street - New Application and Temporary Retail Permit**

A Mexican street food business, they have operated for 1 year and 4 months. The hours are 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., which the owners hope to extend once they obtain a liquor license. The committee made a motion for recommendation to approve the application with no stipulations.

- **Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar, 4750 Third Avenue - New Application and Temporary Retail Permit**

The application was previously submitted in June, but a representative was not present. District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will follow up with the business for clarification.

- **Bronx Beer Hall, 2344 Arthur Avenue - Temporary Retail Permit**

The application is to grant the business permission to make sales off-site, for example, at fairs or events. The business has successfully obtained the permit four times in the past and complies with requirements.

The committee made a motion for recommendation to approve the application with no stipulations.

- **Mayor's Office to End Domestic and Gender-Based Violence (ENDGBV) - Presentation**

ENDGBV presented statistical data that highlights higher rates of domestic, intimate, and gender-based in Bronx Community Board 6 and Bronx Community Board 6. The presentation is part of an intentional outreach plan in these districts to inform community members of available resources for victims. The Bronx Family Justice Center provides survivors and their children connections to City agencies, community, social and civil legal services providers, and District Attorney's Offices. Examples of one-stop services and support at FJCs are connections to organizations that provide case management, economic empowerment, counseling, civil legal, and criminal legal assistance. Additionally, a partnership with phone carriers allows FJCs to help survivors obtain mobile devices and service at a free or discounted rate. In partnership with New York City Health + Hospitals, FJCs provide trauma-informed mental health support that includes on-going individual and group therapy and medication management. The Home+ program is a new initiative that gives survivors of domestic and gender-based violence the option to stay in their home safely. Home+ provides free personal emergency response systems to call for help by pushing a button, lock changes, safety planning and case management from a local domestic violence service organization all while eliminating the requirement to report to law enforcement.

- **Release the Grip - Presentation**

RTG is part of the cure violence and crisis management network of the City, specifically servicing catchment areas in the Bronx. By building partnerships with principals, teachers, and school safety officers, RTG helps improve safety and reduce gun violence among youth. The staff provides programming to individuals between the ages of 16 to 24 years old. From hosting sessions at their music studio to hosting a basketball tournament last summer, the organization fosters a welcoming and accessible environment. RTG increases access to opportunities through a collaboration with DYCD to place youth in the "Work, Learn, and Grow" program. Other employment and training opportunities include OSHA and CDL classes. The RTG team is on ground, prioritizing site visits and relationship building with students. Additionally, the organization operates out of main locations where individuals can drop-in. Staff offer reentry services, therapeutic services, and counseling on intimate partner violence.

- The committee requested that RTG provide updates regarding meetings with the local precinct and their rapport with the Commanding Officer. The committee also requested information on the deliverables and contract goals for RTG, as well as progress in fulfilling the services outlined by their funding source.

- **Review of District Needs Statement Items**

This agenda item will be discussed at the next meeting due to time constraints.