

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17th, 2023
MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
(Pending Approval)

PRESENT

Ed Green (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Christopher Calhoun	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Ingrid Deleon	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Scott Krompinger	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee Members absent: Bob Kaplan, Ted Morris, Sergio Villaverde

Guests: Lieutenant Haney, (NYPD), Laura Spalter (BXCB8), Mary Ellen Gibbs (BXCB8), Myra Joyce (BXCB8), Nick Fazio (BXCB8), Pascale Bernard (NYSOCM), Phillip Rumsey (NYSOCM), Adam Stojanavski (NYSOCM), Handel A., Diane Friedman, Herb, Sean Berry (The Punch Bowl), Eli Garcia, Edward Christ (Bronx Post 95, War Veterans), Gino Pacheco (Spanglish).

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm **(Meeting began late due to technical difficulties with Zoom link).*

Roll-call of committee members.

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

2. Approval of the December 20th, 2022 Public Safety Committee Minutes

Approve in favor: 4 (C. Calhoun, Ingrid Deleon, E. Green, Scott Krompinger)
Opposed: 0

3. Presentation and Q&A: NYS Office of Cannabis Management

Representatives Pascale Bernard, Phillip Rumsey and Adam Stojanavski gave a slide show presentation and stated the presentation will be sent to BXCB8 so the Board can share it.

Slide show included:

- What is Cannabis?
- What is Legal in NYS – Possessing Cannabis
- Home Growing in NYS
- What is the Marihuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA)?
- The MRTA Emphasizes Economic and Social Justice
- Adult Use Cannabis Taxation

- NYS Cannabis Revenue Fund
- Adult-Use Licenses
- What Does a Tiered System Look Like?
- Building the NY Cannabis Industry
- Conditional Licenses
- Enforcement
- Retail Guidance
- MRTA Regulations
- Staffing & Training
- Advertising & Signage
- Sales and Transactions

Phil Rumsey of OCM stated there are very few legal cannabis dispensaries open right now, and the vast majority of cannabis dispensaries are conducting business illegally.

Pascale Bernard of OCM stated that all complaints about illegal cannabis dispensaries should contain as much detailed information as possible and be sent to complaints@ocm.ny.gov. OCM's investigation team will review all complaints but will not update people on open investigations.

231st St. (Guest) stated that the cannabis dispensaries operating illegally on 231st St are attracting undesirable elements that are being disruptive and hostile to neighborhood residents.

BXCB8 Chair Laura Spalter inquired about the role of Community Boards and NYPD, with regards to cannabis dispensary oversight and enforcement.

Myra Joyce stated the cannabis dispensaries are illegal, and asked why they aren't being shut down?

Nick Fazio stated that if illicit businesses continue to expand, they're going to put legal establishments at a significant disadvantage.

4. NYS Liquor Authority: Renewals

Sean Berry, Owner of The Punch Bowl, located at 5820 Broadway, appeared before the committee:

Lieutenant Haney of the 50th Precinct stated there have been no notable complaints about the business.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 4 (C. Calhoun, Ingrid Deleon, E. Green, S. Krompinger)
Opposed: 0

Gino Pacheco, Representative of Spanglish, located at 6697 Broadway, appeared before the committee:

Lieutenant Haney of the 50th Precinct stated there have been no notable complaints about the business.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 4 (C. Calhoun, Ingrid Deleon, E. Green, S. Krompinger)
Opposed: 0

Edward Christ, Finance Officer of Bronx Post 95, War Veterans, located at 3960 Orloff Avenue, appeared before the committee:

Lieutenant Haney of the 50th Precinct stated there have been no notable complaints about the business.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 4 (C. Calhoun, Ingrid Deleon, E. Green, S. Krompinger)
Opposed: 0

No Representative for Flame, located at 5740 Broadway, appeared before the committee. The application was tabled until further notice.

No Representative for Aroma Restaurant & Bar, located at 5523 Broadway, appeared before the committee. The application was tabled until further notice.

No Representative for Jakes Steakhouse, located at 6031 Broadway, appeared before the committee. The application was tabled until further notice.

5. NYPD Report (**See attached NYPD CompStat Report*) –

Lieutenant Haney of the 50th Precinct, presented the NYPD report:

Lt. Haney stated the 50th Precinct is working with the Sheriff's Office to enforce the law against illegal cannabis dispensaries. The Sherriff's Office presently has more authority than NYPD to enforce laws against these establishments.

Mary Ellen Gibbs stated cars have been doing doughnuts at 236th Street and Johnson Avenue lately around 6:15pm. She stated scooters and e-bikes remain a constant danger.

Cars have been speeding and running red lights regularly on Broadway between 260th Street and Mosholu Avenue. Lt. Haney stated he would send two officers to that location for the next few days to monitor the area and hopefully deter violators.

Ed Green stated committee member Sergio Villaverde emailed him photographs of a car on Reservoir Avenue with missing tires and rims. Lt. Haney stated that area was a hot spot for catalytic converter and other auto theft robberies. Lt Haney stated he deployed additional unmarked cars and changed several officer's tours to have more personnel available overnight to monitor that area and other areas with frequent auto theft crimes.

Reports of a homeless man living in a car on Goulden Avenue near Bedford Park & 205th St. NYPD can do a wellness check, but it's not a crime to be homeless.

6. FDNY Report

No report was given.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

Preliminary Budget Requests:

Lt. Haney stated he would get a detailed list of locations that the 50th Precinct could use Argus Cameras and send it to the Board.

2 Sound Meters (to measure noise decibel levels).

4 Tint Meters (to measure tint levels on car windows).

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm

Minutes submitted by Committee Chair Ed Green.



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Mayor

Police Department City of New York



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CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
1/9/2023 Through 1/15/2023

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	13 Year	30 Year
	2023	2022	% Chg	2023	2022	% Chg	2023	2022	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	-100.0	***.*
Rape	0	0	***.*	1	3	-66.7	0	2	-100.0	-100.0	***.*	-100.0
Robbery	3	5	-40.0	12	13	-7.7	8	10	-20.0	33.3	100.0	-70.4
Fel. Assault	2	2	0.0	17	6	183.3	7	3	133.3	16.7	40.0	-12.5
Burglary	4	2	100.0	10	8	25.0	7	5	40.0	250.0	-30.0	-85.4
Gr. Larceny	9	12	-25.0	42	43	-2.3	21	21	0.0	40.0	110.0	90.9
G.L.A.	8	9	-11.1	25	27	-7.4	13	17	-23.5	1,200.0	550.0	-80.6
TOTAL	26	30	-13.33	107	100	7.00	56	58	-3.45	80.65	75.00	-66.06
Transit	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	-100.0	***.*
Housing	1	1	0.0	6	4	50.0	4	4	0.0	100.0	100.0	***.*
Petit Larceny	14	24	-41.7	75	82	-8.5	39	41	-4.9	11.4	56.0	***.*
Misd. Assault	7	5	40.0	38	24	58.3	17	13	30.8	142.9	6.2	***.*
UCR Rape*	1	0	***.*	2	4	-50.0	1	2	-50.0	-50.0	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	2	0	***.*	4	1	300.0	3	0	***.*	50.0	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	***.*
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	***.*	***.*	***.*
Hate Crimes	0	1	-100.0	0	2	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	-100.0	***.*	***.*

Historical Perspective

(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2022	%Chg '22 vs '01	%Chg '22 vs '98	%Chg '22 vs '93	%Chg '22 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	3	-62.5	0.0	-72.7	-78.6	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	23	9.5	4.5	-4.2	-36.1	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	185	-7.0	-36.6	-70.3	-71.5	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	212	44.2	45.2	-21.8	-7.8	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	126	-64.7	-79.0	-89.1	-89.7	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	697	136.3	127.8	52.5	32.3	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	288	-37.1	-68.6	-83.9	-88.0	G.L.A.
TOTAL	5,083	4,322	2,285	1,485	1,534	3.3	-32.9	-64.5	-69.8	TOTAL

Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

As of January 2013, complaints occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been disaggregated from the borough and precinct crime totals and are displayed separately on the Department of Correction CompStat page.

Unless otherwise noted, Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law ("NYSPL") definitions and differ from the crime categories used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All Crime statistics are translated to Uniform Crime Reporting categories for submission to the UCR Program.

* Uniform Crime Reporting ("UCR") Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.