

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8**  
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**  
**LOCATION: 50<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT**  
**3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVE. BRONX, NY 10463**  
(Pending Approval)

**PRESENT**

Ed Green (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Christopher Calhoun	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Bob Kaplan	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Scott Krompinger	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Sergio Villaverde	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee Members absent: Ingrid Deleon, Ted Morris.

**Guests:** Gregory Lehr (FDNY), Efrain Farciert (Santa Fe Café), Norberto Farciert Torres (Frida Tacos & Andare), Losif Pinsky, Sandra Ovanya (Kalle), Monica Benavides (Kalle), Ortencia Jimenez Gomez (La Villa), Angela Vuceljic (Cote Wine Bar), Nicole Manning, Mingxuan Zhu (Riverdale Press), Richard Berroa (Claudy's Kitchen).

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm

Roll-call of committee members.

**1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests**

New Committee Member Scott Krompinger introduced himself to the Committee and guests.

**2. Approval of the June 14th, 2022 Public Safety Committee Minutes**

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)  
Opposed: 0

**3. NYPD Report (\*See attached NYPD CompStat Report) –**

Captain Girven, Commanding Officer of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, presented the NYPD report:

- The majority of crimes in the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct are larcenies.
- House of worship patrol discussed.
- Quality of life crimes discussed: Captain Gervin stated the Precinct doesn't have enough resources (Officers) to handle the volume of 311 calls and quality of life crimes reported, so issues are prioritized and Officers are assigned according to the level of severity.

- Various park locations were reported for multiple quality of life complaints, most notably noise: Northwest Playground at Broadway & 256<sup>th</sup> Street; 262<sup>nd</sup> Street & Broadway.
- Motorcycles reported on the Putnum Greenway and paved trail around the parade grounds.
- Complaint about groups of youths smoking marijuana on the city steps between 3800 Waldo Ave and 3660 Waldo Ave. Marijuana is now legalized. Not much NYPD can do.

#### **4. FDNY Report**

FDNY Battalion Chief, Gregory Lehr presented the FDNY report:

- Issues with E-Scooters and E-Bikes: Lithium Ion batteries are easily combustible and are causing many fires when these bikes are stored in apartments. These batteries are also causing fires in trash chutes, which is an improper method of disposal.
- FDNY did not have response time data available but will provide it at future meetings.

#### **5. NYS Liquor Authority: Renewals**

Efrain Farciert, President of Sante Fe Grill, located at 6025 Broadway, appeared before the committee:

Captain Gervin of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated there have been no notable complaints about the business.

Motion to approve by B. Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Krompinger.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Moon Star Grill, located at 3519 & 2525 Johnson Avenue (Store A & B):

No representative appeared.

Application was tabled.

Richard Berroa, Owner of Claudy's Kitchen, located at 5981 Broadway, appeared before the committee:

Captain Gervin of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated there have been no notable complaints about the business.

Motion to approve by C. Calhoun; 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Kaplan.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Yokomo, located at 216 W 242<sup>nd</sup> St.

No representative appeared.

Application was tabled.

Sandra Olaya, Representative of Kalle Bar & Grill, located at 5686 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the committee:

Application was for an alteration (Sidewalk on frontage / Private Sidewalk Café).

Captain Gervin of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct stated this location has had multiple 311 complaints for noise, double parking and other quality of life issues.

S. Villaverde motioned to table the application; S. Krompinger 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

The Committee voted unanimously to table this application until more information is provided, with regards to what measures the business is going to take to prevent the type of reported disturbances. Also, more information is needed regarding patron capacity for proposed alteration.

In favor of tabling application: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

## 6. NYS Liquor Authority: New

Angela Vuceljic, a Representative of Cote Wine Bar, located at 5639 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the committee:

A temporary retail permit was also requested in the application.

2AM Agreement was signed and received by the Board.

Motion to approve by S. Krompinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Kaplan.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

El Tina, located at 308 W 231<sup>st</sup> St.

No representative appeared.

Application was tabled.

Norberto Farciert Torres, Owner of Frida Tacos, located at 5786 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the committee:

2AM Agreement was signed and received by the Board.

Motion to approve by C. Calhoun, 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Krompinger.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Norberto Farciert Torres, Owner of Andare, located at 5782 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the committee:

2AM Agreement was signed and received by the Board.

Motion to approve by S. Villaverde, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Kaplan.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Ortencia Jimenez Gomez, President of La Villa, located at 240 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street, appeared before the committee.

A temporary retail permit was also requested in the application.

2AM Agreement was signed and received by the Board.

Motion to approve by B. Kaplan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Calhoun.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: 5 (C. Calhoun, E. Green, B. Kaplan, S. Krompinger, S. Villaverde)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

## **7. NYS Liquor Authority: Corporate Change**

**None**

## **8. Old Business**

Chair Green provided a recap of public safety issues during the summer break:

- BXC88 had a table at National Night Out and discussed public safety issues with Officers and new 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct Captain Ozuna.
- According to the latest NYPD CompStat report, there has been a significant increase in crime in our area over the past year: Overall crime is up 66% and robberies are up 107%.
- Chair Green met with Congressman Adriano Espiliat, who expressed an interest in providing oversight, with regards to the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct enforcing laws.

- Chair Green met with Bronx DA Darcel Clark and discussed BXCB8 public safety concerns, including quality of life crimes and prosecution of recidivists.
- Chair Green and BXCB8 Chair Laura Spalter attended Mayor Eric Adams' Community Conversation on Public Safety in the Soundview section of the Bronx, then had a follow up conference with Nora Daniel, Chief of Staff of the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, regarding community public safety concerns.

Hybrid meetings were discussed by the committee:

- Commanding Officer of the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Captain Gervin stated recording devices were prohibited inside the Precinct, due to confidentiality issues, case sensitive, information, privacy of crime victims and those arrested, as well as various other security concerns, as per NYPD policy.
- Chair Green stated the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct was his preferred location for the Public Safety Committee meeting, due to its centralized location, easier access for the majority of residents in our community, and the abundance of 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct Officers specializing in specific committee issues, but he would be open to having the meeting at an alternative location if a community crisis or similar concern warranted it.
- Chair Green stated that unless an Information Technology Specialist, Board Staff Member, or PS Committee Member was willing to manage all technical aspects of facilitating a Hybrid meeting, he would not be in favor of conducting Public Safety Committee hybrid meetings.
- The Committee decided to table the issue of hybrid meetings, and possibly revisit it at a future date, if necessary.

## 9. New Business

Chair Green stated he would like the committee to spend a significant amount of time focusing on two areas of concern:

- Bail Reform law - and its relation to increasing crime and public safety in our community.
- Mental Health Issues - and their relation to crime and public safety in our community.

Committee Member S. Villaverde requested the status of Rikers Island (and its relation to our community) be put on a future Public Safety Committee agenda.

Committee Member B. Kaplan and Chair E. Green stated they would welcome a conversation about the status of Rikers Island and its relation to our community.

The use of 311 calls for quality of life complaints were discussed by the committee.

Chair Green stated that due to upcoming holidays, there would be no Public Safety Committee meeting held in October and the meeting will resume in November.

**10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:44pm**

Minutes submitted by Committee Chair Ed Green.



Eric L. Adams  
Mayor

# Police Department City of New York



Keechant Sewell  
Police Commissioner

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## CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week  
9/12/2022 Through 9/18/2022

### Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	12 Year	29 Year
	2022	2021	% Chg	2022	2021	% Chg	2022	2021	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	2	1	100.0	0.0	-60.0	-71.4
Rape	0	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	14	13	7.7	40.0	100.0	-12.5
Robbery	2	4	-50.0	15	14	7.1	139	70	98.6	148.2	18.8	-67.3
Fel. Assault	4	4	0.0	12	13	-7.7	153	111	37.8	27.5	70.0	-23.5
Burglary	3	2	50.0	12	7	71.4	101	60	68.3	5.2	-7.3	-87.8
Gr. Larceny	14	10	40.0	62	43	44.2	485	317	53.0	63.3	91.7	47.4
G.L.A.	5	4	25.0	25	14	78.6	190	86	120.9	74.3	113.5	-85.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>16.67</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>39.56</b>	<b>1,084</b>	<b>658</b>	<b>64.74</b>	<b>57.10</b>	<b>61.79</b>	<b>-65.11</b>
Transit	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	4	2	100.0	300.0	-71.4	***.*
Housing	1	2	-50.0	4	4	0.0	54	28	92.9	35.0	63.6	***.*
Petit Larceny	21	27	-22.2	89	87	2.3	853	633	34.8	19.8	51.2	***.*
Misd. Assault	4	6	-33.3	17	26	-34.6	240	191	25.7	28.3	-12.1	***.*
UCR Rape*	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	19	17	11.8	58.3	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	1	0	***.*	2	3	-33.3	26	21	23.8	8.3	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	2	0	***.*	2	2	0.0	10	10	0.0	66.7	100.0	25.0
Shooting Inc.	1	0	***.*	1	2	-50.0	8	9	-11.1	33.3	60.0	33.3
Hate Crimes	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	8	18	-55.6	700.0	***.*	***.*

### Historical Perspective

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

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2021	%Chg '21 vs '01	%Chg '21 vs '98	%Chg '21 vs '93	%Chg '21 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	1	-87.5	-66.7	-90.9	-92.9	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	17	-19.0	-22.7	-29.2	-52.8	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	106	-46.7	-63.7	-83.0	-83.7	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	155	5.4	6.2	-42.8	-32.6	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	96	-73.1	-84.0	-91.7	-92.1	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	496	68.1	62.1	8.5	-5.9	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	156	-65.9	-83.0	-91.3	-93.5	G.L.A.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>-30.8</b>	<b>-55.1</b>	<b>-76.2</b>	<b>-79.8</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

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.