

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 BRONX

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM

(Pending Committee Approval)

PRESENT

Ed Green (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Myra Joyce (Vice Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Margaret Donato	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Nick Fazio	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Georgia Santiago	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee Members Absent: Robert Kaplan, Ted Morris

Guests: Maria (Khalle Bar), Nicole Vilafane, Matt McGee, Boris Ayala (College of Mount Saint Vincent), David Gellman (CB8), Eric Kollin, Will McGee, Miles McGee, Mark Gilhooley

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

2. Approval of the June 1, 2021 Public Safety Committee Minutes

Approve in favor: 5 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, M. Donato, G. Santiago)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

3. NYPD Report –

No one attended from 50th Pct.

Compstat Report

28 days, ending 9/5/21

	2021	2020
Murder	1	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	11	8
Fel.	13	15
Assault		
Burglary	9	10
Gr.		
Larceny	44	34
G.L.A.	16	15
TOTAL	95	83

4. FDNY Report

No report

5. RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Khalle Bar & Grill Corp

- No outside promoters
- Contract with a security company – Bald Eagle

Approve in favor: 5 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, M. Donato, G. Santiago)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

6. NEW APPLICATIONS

The College of Mount Saint Vincent

- Boris Ayala – director of dining services
- Switching to internal operations
- Used to be outside vendor
- Catering events – no students allowed at these events
- Only go from 7 to 9pm
- Holiday events till 9pm, Graduation (After students leave for holidays or home).

Approve in favor: 5 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, M. Donato, G. Santiago)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Old Business

Regarding the discussion in June about proactively dealing with issues in the parks:

- Ed said CB8, Parks Dept. & NYPD had meetings.
- There were issues at Fort Four Parks: Noise; NYPD removed speakers; Illegal bikes were seized; one person was arrested for not having a license.

Vehicles displaying illegal paper license plates: Sheriff's office doing sweeps in areas they know illegal plates are being used.

8. New Business

Nick presented new business re: Reassignment of Safety Agent at PS 24 – Not replaced. Thinks this is a DOE issue, not NYPD.

Chair Green brought up several issues we might want to explore during the course of the year:

- Captain Melendez's top 10 businesses that are getting complaints.
- Noise bill had been discussed. If passed, the PS Committee should follow up on how it's being enforced.
- Phone, mail, Internet scams. Particularly targeting seniors. It might be good to have a joint meeting with the Aging Committee.
- Familiarize residents with online complaint reporting system.
- Mental Health/Addiction/Homelessness:

- We need solutions to these issues
- Assaults on the subway
- Perhaps a joint committee issue with Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee
- Bail reform:
 - A lot of blind spots in the bail reform laws
 - Creates a lot of public safety concerns
- Coronavirus policies

Quality of life crimes: Focus on enforcement of laws. Bring in Bronx DA, elected officials to get involved in these problems. Can bring up Bronx DA involvement at the full Board meeting.

David Gellman – Asked about speaking to the 50th Pct about the issue of paper license plates.

Georgia Santiago – Agrees with David 100%: Very loud engines – during the day, night, 2 or 3 in the morning. Music blasting from cars.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Minutes submitted by Myra Joyce, approved by Chair, Ed Green