

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21st, 2023
50th POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE

PRESENT

Ed Green (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Joy Campbell Priveterre (Vice Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Christopher Calhoun	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Mary Ellen Gibbs	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Scott Krompinger	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Laura Spalter	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee Members absent: Eliane Lobos

Guests: Battalion Chief Gregory Lehr (FDNY), (NYPD), Lieutenant Baez (NYPD), Officer Cesar Sala (NYPD), Maetos Oreanopolus (Greek Express), Magdalena Dominguez (Montezuma), Josefina Tineo (Sweet Billiards), Eli Garcia (Spanglish), Victor Sanchez (Silhouette), Stella Borukova (OCM Applicant), Abraham (OCM Applicant), Adrian Christopher Velez (Pure Bliss Cannabis), Frank Manganella (Pure Bliss Cannabis).

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Rollcall of committee members. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the October 17th, 2023, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Lieutenant Baez presented the NYPD CompStat report. Officer Sala was present. Issues discussed:

- Police Officer was assaulted on November 11th at the 238th Street subway station after responding to a call of a dispute involving a person with a knife. Two arrests were made (Two adult males from Yonkers and New Rochelle). Officer recovering, in stable condition.

- Residents concerned about scooters and E-bikes speeding recklessly down sidewalks, endangering pedestrians on Johnson Avenue.
- Lt. Baez discussed specific actions that constitute hate crimes and differentiated between actions that do not qualify as hate crimes under the law.
- Quality of life complaints: Call 311 to report the issue and then email BXC8 office and the office will follow up with the appropriate agency.
- How to report an abandoned vehicle: Call 311 and report the vehicle. Take a photo of the vehicle. Send the photo and 311 complaint to bx08@cb.nyc.gov. If the vehicle has license plates, NYPD can ticket and eventually tow it. If it doesn't have license plates, DSNY (Sanitation) can ticket and remove it.
- Resident complaint of traffic congestion on Broadway caused by double-parked busses dropping off kids for track events between 1-5pm, 7 days a week.
- Resident complaints of food trucks parked in front of fire hydrants at 231st Street.
- Resident complaint of cars parking and blocking the driveway of 3751 Riverdale Avenue.
- Resident complaint of graffiti covering the rolled down gate of Petite Nails at 5661 Mosholu Avenue. "Eyesore" to the neighborhood when gate is rolled down at night.
- 50th Pct. stated they've documented all the traffic and quality of life related issues reported at this meeting, will investigate, and address any existing problems.

4. FDNY Report

Battalion Chief Greg Lehr (FDNY) gave a statistical report on fires in the BXC8 area and discussed fire safety tips.

FDNY website has informational fire safety prevention literature available for the public.

Chair Green requested FDNY give a fire safety / fire prevention presentation at the December 19th Public Safety Committee meeting. FDNY Chief Lehr stated that FDNY Representative Richard Velez is the contact person that can arrange it.

5. NYS Liquor Authority: Renewals

Maetos Oreanopolus, Representative of Greek Express, located at 3733 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the committee to renew this establishment's liquor license.

Lieutenant Baez of the 50th Precinct stated there were no notable 311 complaints or reports to NYPD about the business.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor (6): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter
Opposed: 0
Abstained: 0

Magdalena Dominguez, Representative of Montezuma Mexican Restaurant, located at 119 West Kingsbridge Road, appeared before the committee to renew this establishment's liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated there were no notable 311 complaints or reports to NYPD about the business.

The Committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

Approve in favor: (6) (C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Lobos, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter)
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0

6. NYS Liquor Authority: New Applications

Josefina Tineo, Owner of Sweet Billiards Corp, located at 3004 Heath Avenue, appeared before the committee to apply for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit.

Josefina Tineo agreed to sign a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of business.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor: (6) (C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Lobos, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter)
Opposed: 0
Abstain: 0

7. NYS Liquor Authority: New Year's Eve All-Night Permit

Eli Garcia, Representative of Mogools Inc. (AKA Spanglish), located at 6697 Broadway, appeared before the committee to apply for a New Year's Eve All-Night Permit.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated there were 5 complaints about this business in the past year, none of which warranted denial of their application for a New Year's All-Night permit.

50th Precinct Representatives stated they have no objections to this establishment being granted an all-night permit for New Year's Eve.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (6): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Victor Sanchez (and wife), Representatives of Silhouette Restaurant Lounge Corp., located at 5666-5668 Broadway, appeared before the committee on November 21st, 2023, to apply for a New Year's Eve All-Night Permit.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated there were 143 complaints about this location in the past year (including 311 call complaints: 39 illegal parking, 15 noise-sidewalk, 46 noise-residential). NYPD stated that patrons of the club have reported robberies.

The Representatives of Silhouette Restaurant Lounge Corp. disputed the notion that the complaints were directly related to their operation. They stated they were hardworking people and ran a highly respectable business.

Representatives of the 50th Precinct stated their concern about this establishment being open all night on New Year's Eve and recommended this permit be denied.

The Public Safety Committee voted to disapprove this permit application.

Approve in favor: (5) J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter

Opposed: (1) C. Calhoun

Abstained: 0

8. Office Of Cannabis Management – New Establishment License

Jose Miguel Nunez Taveras of JMNT, LLC., applied for a Cannabis Microbusiness License at 166 West 231st Street, but failed to attend the Public Safety Committee meeting or send a representative on behalf of the business. It was noted by the Chair that the applicant was duly notified by the Board on multiple occasions to appear at this meeting. There was no vote on this application.

Stella Borukova and her husband Abraham appeared before the committee to apply for a Retail Dispensary Premises License at 3547 Johnson Avenue.

The applicant is presently a licensed Pharmacist, co-owner of Riverdale Specialty Pharmacy, located at 3547 Johnson Avenue, and currently has a lease for that store.

The applicant stated that if having the pharmacy conflicts with OCM regulations she will apply for a dispensary license at a different address and return to Bronx Community Board 8 for review.

The applicant stated she does not plan to apply for any on-site or off-site retail consumption licenses.

The applicant stated the business will close at 8:00pm and follow all Bronx Community Board 8 stipulations.

The Public Safety Committee approved this application.

Approve in favor: (5) C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter
Opposed: (1) M. Gibbs
Abstained: 0

Adrian Christopher Velez and Frank Manganella, Representatives of Pure Bliss Cannabis Solutions, appeared before the committee to apply for a Cannabis Retail Dispensary Premises license at 2734 Sedgwick Avenue.

2734 Sedgwick Avenue is a residential building without commercial retail space.

There have been no public hearings or notifications to building residents that a cannabis retail dispensary is being considered for the site.

The applicants do not hold a lease at the intended location.

The Public Safety Committee voted unanimously to disapprove this application.

Approve in favor: (6) C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter
Disapprove: 0
Abstained: 0

9. Old Business

Proposed Resolution for Cannabis Businesses:

In addition to restrictions already in place near schools (500 feet) houses of worship (200 feet), or youth facilities, the committee recommends that recreational marijuana dispensaries not be sited less than 500 feet from community facilities such as homeless or migrant shelters, libraries, or parks.

The committee requests that OCM extend the comment period for community boards to 60 days in addition to allowing one extension.

The committee requests that OCM applicants be required to attend a Public Safety Committee meeting when applying for a license and return to the committee for license renewal.

The committee requests enforcement measures to close illegal cannabis businesses be taken immediately by appropriate city and state agencies in tandem with our Elected Officials.

The committee unanimously approved this resolution.

Approve in favor (6): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell-Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, S. Krompinger, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

10. New Business

None.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

Minutes submitted by Committee Chair Ed Green.



Eric L. Adams
Mayor

Police Department City of New York



Edward A. Caban
Police Commissioner

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CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
11/20/2023 Through 11/26/2023

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	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	5	3	66.7	400.0	0.0	-44.4
Rape	0	1	-100.0	0	2	-100.0	8	20	-60.0	-50.0	14.3	-61.9
Robbery	5	7	-28.6	15	16	-6.2	143	174	-17.8	45.9	-6.5	-74.7
Fel. Assault	3	2	50.0	14	15	-6.7	186	196	-5.1	31.0	67.6	-24.4
Burglary	2	2	0.0	7	9	-22.2	130	120	8.3	54.8	-15.6	-87.5
Gr. Larceny	7	12	-41.7	45	51	-11.8	607	637	-4.7	41.5	88.5	46.6
G.L.A.	7	3	133.3	28	18	55.6	317	247	28.3	157.7	175.7	-80.8
TOTAL	24	28	-14.29	109	112	-2.68	1,396	1,397	-0.07	56.33	61.01	-64.61
Transit	0	0	***.*	2	0	***.*	11	4	175.0	266.7	-31.2	***.*
Housing	0	0	***.*	2	6	-66.7	72	67	7.5	94.6	75.6	***.*
Petit Larceny	15	16	-6.2	100	84	19.0	1,049	1,082	-3.0	31.1	42.3	***.*
Misd. Assault	5	4	25.0	26	20	30.0	286	301	-5.0	7.9	-23.5	***.*
UCR Rape*	0	2	-100.0	0	4	-100.0	22	27	-18.5	4.8	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	0	0	***.*	2	4	-50.0	32	34	-5.9	18.5	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	6	13	-53.8	-45.5	20.0	-53.8
Shooting Inc.	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	6	11	-45.5	-40.0	20.0	-45.5
Hate Crimes	0	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	3	8	-62.5	-84.2	***.*	***.*

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.