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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	December 17, 2024	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:25 PM	
Meeting Held At	50 th Police Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue					
ATTENDANCE						
Present	Edward Green (Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Debbie Allen, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Angel Ortega, Kevin Wade				Total	6
Absent	Carol Blake, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Margaret Della, Nick Fazio, Jyll Townes				Total	5
Guests	Martin Meaney (FDNY), Steven Goodstein (Riverdale Press), Johanna Edmonson (BXC8), David Lindsay (Kingsbridge Social Club), Brian Weinstein (Gourmet Dining LLC)					

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

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Roll Call of Committee Members. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the November 19th, 2024, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

There were no 50th Precinct Officers available to present the report. Chair Green read the NYPD CompStat report for 12/9-12/15/24. Issues discussed:

- Resident complaints about “ghost cars” (cars with no registrations), and abandoned cars observed on 259th St., 263rd St., Liebig Avenue, Delafield Avenue (behind St. Margarets playground). Vehicle descriptions: silver/grey Toyota, 4x4 pick-up truck. Sanitation was contacted. At least one ticket was issued. Resident stated his 311 call about an unregistered car was closed out with “no evidence of violation found.”

- Resident complaint about an abandoned camper near the Synagogue on the North side of the Henry Hudson Parkway service road.
- Resident complaint about 2 tractor trailers with commercial plates parked on the South side of Henry Hudson Parkway & 248th Street (taking up multiple parking spots).
- Intruder at 3850 Sedwick Avenue was observed wandering around the building checking apartment doors. The building Super was notified and asked the intruder to leave. The Super was assaulted by the intruder who then fled. The Super required hospitalization after the encounter. Photos of the intruder from building security cameras were forwarded to the 50th Precinct.
- Resident complaints of drug dealing on Bailey Avenue & 238th Street, and Stevenson Place & Sedwick Avenue.
- Resident complaint about a white SUV (license plate KJY2521) with a flat tire parked in front of 210 Lakeview Place for over 1 year despite repeated 311 calls. Car has previously been ticketed.
- Because no 50th Precinct Officers attended tonight's meeting: all complaints will be emailed by BXCB8 to the Community Affairs Unit.

4. FDNY Report

Martin Meaney presented the FDNY report, including a statistical overview of area fires:

- Increase in brush fires due to drought conditions. Various fires in Van Cortlandt Park.
- 33 structural fires in BXCB8 area, 3.1% increase. 4 min 51 seconds FDNY response time.
- 308 emergency calls in BXCB8 area, up 1.3%. 6 min 25 seconds FDNY response time.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Renewals

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

David Lindsay, a Representative of Kingsbridge Social Club, located at 3625 Kingsbridge Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew the establishment's liquor license for liquor, wine, beer & cider.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated (via email to BXCB8) they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (6): D. Allen, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, K. Wade

Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Aroma Restaurant & Bar located at 5523 Broadway, submitted an application to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated (via email to BXCB8) they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (6): D. Allen, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, K. Wade

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

6. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Applications

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Brian Weinstein, District Manager of Gourmet Dining LLC, located at 4513 Manhattan College Parkway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for liquor licenses at four locations on Manhattan College property: Thomas Hall, 4th floor, President's Dining Room; Squeri Hall/Smith Auditorium; Kelly Commons 4th & 5th floors; Draddy Gymnasium.

The applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of operation on all four licenses.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved all four applications.

Approve in favor (6): D. Allen, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, K. Wade

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

7. Old Business

Committee Chair E. Green made a motion to add "discussion of SLA policies" to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Committee member M. Gibbs. The Committee voted unanimously to add "discussion of SLA policies" to the agenda. Issues discussed:

BXCB8 received information from the State Liquor Authority stating the agency had approved a 2023 New Years Eve all-night permit, despite numerous resident complaints, a 50th Precinct recommendation to deny the permit, and a resolution by BXCB8 to disapprove the application.

In the past few years, SLA approved renewal applications of several other business that had a lengthy and well-documented history of community complaints. BXCB8 passed resolutions to disapprove these applications but this recommendation was not followed by SLA.

A letter to SLA from Bronx Community Board 6 that resulted in a liquor license being denied was discussed as a good example of how to get the agency to adhere to community board recommendations. Department of Environmental Protection citations against the business in question appeared to be a significant factor in the denial of the license.

Committee is concerned that SLA is jeopardizing public safety by approving liquor licenses without genuinely taking community and law enforcement advisory positions into consideration.

Committee Chair will discuss liquor licenses with SLA representative and identify specific and general criteria needed for liquor licenses denials at agency level. Chair will seek answers to why previous BXCB8 advisory positions were disregarded by SLA.

8. New Business

Committee member L. Spalter made a motion to add "discussion of Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law)" to the agenda. Motion was seconded by Committee member M. Gibbs. The Committee voted unanimously to add "discussion of Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law)" to the agenda.

Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law): A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that every bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter and other motorized vehicle be licensed and registered.

The law is named after Priscilla Loke, who was run down and killed by an e-bike as she walked to work in Chinatown in September last year.

Currently, e-bikes are not regulated by New York's DMV, but under Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law) they would be required to be licensed and registered.

Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law) was introduced by City Council member Robert Holden and sponsored by 29 City Council members, including Eric Dinowitz, and is endorsed by NYC Mayor Eric Adams.

A public hearing was held regarding Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law), where 400 people testified before the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. The vast majority of those testifying supported the bill.

Chair Green and Vice Chair Spalter both stated they watched hours of testimony from the hearing. Issues discussed:

E-bikes and scooters consistently disobey traffic laws, leading to nearly 250,000 emergency room visits and 215 deaths nationwide between 2017 and 2022, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

An opponent of Pricilla's Law stated that NYPD would be responsible for issuing tickets and they simply don't have enough Officers in the workforce to enforce the law.

A supporter of Pricilla's Law stated that existing surveillance cameras would be effective at recording images of e-bike license plates. No police chases would be necessary, and tickets could be easily issued by monitoring recorded images.

Data from other countries and cities indicate that when motorized transportation devices are registered, licensed and insured - fatalities and injuries decrease dramatically (ex. 29% fewer deaths, 64% fewer crashes in Denmark).

Intro Bill 1131 was introduced by Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Chair Selvena N. Brooks-Powers as a potential substitute for Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law).

Intro Bill 1131 currently has 10 City Council sponsors and would "Establish a task force to study options for making street design and infrastructure safer in consideration of increased use of electric bicycles and related collisions."

DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez stated that more information was needed, and DOT was in the process of collecting further data on e-bikes adhering to traffic laws, which prompted derisive laughter from many in attendance.

A supporter of Pricilla's Law stated that modifying street design (as Bill 1131 suggests) would have no impact on motorized devices that routinely ride on sidewalks.

An opponent of Pricilla's Law stated that registering and licensing e-bikes and scooters would be impractical and create economic hardship for food delivery businesses.

BXCB8 City Council Representatives Carmen De la Rosa (member of Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure) and Pierina Ana Sanchez have not committed to sponsoring either bill.

The BXC8 Public Safety Committee has consistently received complaints about e-bikes and scooters posing a danger to community residents in the last few years and have relayed these concerns to the 50th Precinct.

The committee unanimously agreed that Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law) would likely improve public safety and serve as a deterrent to reckless traffic violators, while Intro Bill 1131 would not be helpful and simply delay the process of passing crucial public safety legislation.

The committee agreed to draft a resolution supporting Intro Bill 606 (Pricilla's Law) that urges our elected officials to sponsor the bill and vote it into law.

The resolution draft will be emailed to all Public Safety Committee members before the next committee meeting in January and discussed at the meeting.

The Committee Chair will discuss this issue with the Chair of the BXC8 Traffic and Transportation Committee.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm

Minutes submitted by Public Safety Committee Chair Ed Green



Eric L. Adams
Mayor

Police Department City of New York



Jessica S. Tisch
Police Commissioner

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CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
12/9/2024 Through 12/15/2024

Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	14 Year	31 Year
	2024	2023	% Chg	2024	2023	% Chg	2024	2023	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	1	5	-80.0	-66.7	-80.0	-90.9
Rape	1	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	14	8	75.0	-36.4	100.0	-33.3
Robbery	2	3	-33.3	7	14	-50.0	132	152	-13.2	-27.9	-18.5	-77.9
Fel. Assault	4	1	300.0	24	8	200.0	246	192	28.1	20.0	113.9	-6.1
Burglary	3	2	50.0	4	9	-55.6	150	137	9.5	22.0	-7.4	-86.4
Gr. Larceny	9	28	-67.9	46	62	-25.8	702	667	5.2	2.6	105.3	59.9
G.L.A.	4	6	-33.3	26	25	4.0	333	333	0.0	22.0	170.7	-80.7
TOTAL	23	40	-42.50	108	118	-8.47	1,578	1,494	5.62	5.69	72.27	-62.04
Transit	0	0	***.*	0	1	-100.0	6	12	-50.0	20.0	-66.7	***.*
Housing	4	2	100.0	12	2	500.0	71	74	-4.1	0.0	65.1	***.*
Petit Larceny	19	28	-32.1	78	84	-7.1	1,057	1,114	-5.1	-8.0	34.8	***.*
Retail Theft	1	12	-91.7	20	39	-48.7	378	453	-16.6	-34.8	***.*	***.*
Misd. Assault	7	6	16.7	27	27	0.0	353	306	15.4	11.4	-9.3	***.*
UCR Rape*	1	1	0.0	2	1	100.0	23	23	0.0	-20.7	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	0	0	***.*	0	1	-100.0	44	33	33.3	29.4	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	1	0	***.*	3	0	***.*	6	6	0.0	-53.8	0.0	-60.0
Shooting Inc.	1	0	***.*	3	0	***.*	6	6	0.0	-45.5	0.0	-50.0
Hate Crimes	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	2	3	-33.3	-75.0	***.*	***.*

Traffic Statistics

Traffic Fatalities	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	1	3	-66.7	-75.0	***.*	***.*
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Historical Perspective

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

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2023	%Chg '23 vs '01	%Chg '23 vs '98	%Chg '23 vs '93	%Chg '23 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	5	-37.5	66.7	-54.5	-64.3	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	8	-61.9	-63.6	-66.7	-77.8	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	163	-18.1	-44.2	-73.8	-74.9	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	197	34.0	34.9	-27.3	-14.3	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	141	-60.5	-76.5	-87.7	-88.4	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	696	135.9	127.5	52.3	32.1	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	354	-22.7	-61.4	-80.2	-85.3	G.L.A.
TOTAL	5,083	4,322	2,285	1,485	1,564	5.3	-31.6	-63.8	-69.2	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.