



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	January 21, 2025	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:35 PM	
Meeting Held At	50 th Police Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue					
ATTENDANCE						
Present	Edward Green (Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Debbie Allen, Carol Blake, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Margaret Della, Nick Fazio, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Angel Ortega, Jyll Townes				Total	10
Absent	Kevin Wade				Total	1
Guests	Lieutenant Wolver (NYPD), Sergeant Amaro (NYPD), Detective Jamsheer (NYPD), Battalion Chief Martin Meaney (FDNY), Steven Goodstein (Riverdale Press), Janice & Sean Berry (The Punch Bowl), Eddie Vega (TCR Tennis Club)					

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

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Roll Call of Committee Members. Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Approval of the December 17th, 2024, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Lieutenant Wolver read the NYPD CompStat report for 1/13-1/19/25. Issues discussed:

- Two individuals fired shots at each other in front of 5210 Broadway near 225th Street Marble Hill Houses. Both individuals fled the scene. One arrest was made for attempted murder. Investigation ongoing.
- Attempted burglary at house on Tyndall Avenue. No arrests.
- Church break-ins by homeless trespassers at 5030 Henry Hudson Parkway.

4. FDNY Report

Battalion Chief Martin Meaney presented the FDNY report, including a statistical overview of area fires for December 2024 in BX08 area:

- Structural fires: 25
- Non-Structural Fires: 8
- Medical Emergencies & Medical MFA's: 315
- Non-Medical Emergencies: 251
- Non-Medical MFA's: 24

**(MFA's = Malicious False Alarms – No emergency found by responding unit)*

Fire at 3030 Heath Avenue:

- 28 families / 45 residents displaced.
- No one can return to their apartment until management provides paperwork to DOB and HPD.
- Air monitoring and building clean up must occur before residents can return to building.
- American Red Cross relocated families to hotels and provided vouchers for food and medical supplies.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Renewals

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

An Beal Bocht located at 445 West 238th Street, submitted an application to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated 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 (10): D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, N. Fazio, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes

Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Sean Berry, a Representative of The Punch Bowl, located at 5820 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew the establishment's liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated 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 (10): D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, N. Fazio, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Jakes Steakhouse, located at 6031 Broadway, submitted an application to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated 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 (10): D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, N. Fazio, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Flame, located at 65740 Broadway – Unit D, submitted an application to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated 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 (10): D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, N. Fazio, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Eddie Vega, a Representative of TCR Tennis Club of Riverdale, located at 2600 Netherland Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew the establishment's liquor license.

Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated 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 (10): D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, N. Fazio, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter, J. Townes

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

6. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Applications

220 Osteria LLC, located at 220 West 242nd Street, informed Bronx Community Board 8 they had withdrawn their application.

Bokagua, located at 3706 Riverdale Avenue, informed Bronx Community Board 8 they had withdrawn their application.

7. Old Business

Discussion of Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606):

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.*

Chair Green and Vice Chair Spalter reported discussing Pricilla's Law with the Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation Committee and the Parks & Recreation Committee. Feedback from both committees led to further research and development of drafting a comprehensive resolution.

Under Pricilla's Law, medical mobility devices will be exempt from licensing and registration.

Concern was raised about the law potentially imposing financial and administrative burdens on small businesses.

Chair & Vice Chair introduced a resolution supporting Pricilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) and urging our elected officials to sponsor and vote it into law.

The Public Safety Committee approved the resolution.

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION SUPPORT FOR PRISCILLA'S LAW (CITY COUNCIL INTRO BILL 606) January 21, 2025

WHEREAS, there has been a massive increase in e-bike ridership since their legalization in 2020, NYC Councilmember Robert Holden has introduced Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) sponsored by 29 Councilmembers, including Councilman Eric Dinowitz, and is supported by NYC Mayor Eric Adams and the NYC E-Vehicle Safety Alliance.

WHEREAS, Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) is "*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 by DOT and receive an identifying number which would be displayed on a visible plate affixed to the vehicle.*" (Medical mobility scooters are exempt).

WHEREAS, the law is named after Priscilla Loke, a beloved 68-year-old Chinatown advocate, who was run down and killed by an e-biker as she walked to work in Chinatown in September of 2023.

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee has received persistent resident complaints about speeding e-bikes and scooters operating recklessly on sidewalks, running red lights, ignoring crosswalks, and going the wrong way down one-way streets, creating dangerous conditions for motorists and pedestrians.

WHEREAS, the 50th Precinct has reported that e-bikes have been used in Van Cortlandt Park and elsewhere to facilitate robberies and other criminal activity and registration can assist Park PEP officers to identify law-breakers.

WHEREAS, in 2024, 13 people died from crashes in NYC involving e-bikes and e-scooters, and 48 people have died in crashes since the City Council legalized e-bikes and scooters in 2020, as per city data (NYC Crash Mapper).

WHEREAS, the Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that e-bikes and scooters disobeying traffic laws led to nearly 250,000 emergency room visits and 215 deaths nationwide between 2017 and 2022.

WHEREAS, surveillance cameras can record images of e-bike license plates, making often dangerous police chases unnecessary, and traffic violations easier to enforce.

WHEREAS, 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).

WHEREAS, sponsors of the bill state that e-bike batteries have been responsible for over 735 battery fires resulting in 500 injuries and 30 deaths since 2019, and mandatory licensing and registration would help identify owners of e-bikes involved in fires.

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee believes Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) will improve Public Safety by providing accountability, serve as a deterrent to reckless traffic violators, and prevent numerous injuries and fatalities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports Priscilla's Law, urges the New York City Council to pass Intro Bill 606, and requests funds be allocated in the city budget to provide resources necessary for its implementation and enforcement.

Approve in favor (7): D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, A. Ortega, L. Spalter
Abstained (3): M. Della, N. Fazio, J. Townes
Opposed: 0

8. New Business

Update: SLA Liquor License Revocation Policies and Procedures:

Committee Chair Green reported he expressed concern to an SLA Representative that Community Board advisory positions weren't being taken seriously when SLA approved liquor licenses of businesses with a lengthy history of complaints.

SLA Representative stated the agency essentially "rubber stamps" renewal applications and complaints against a business must be sent to SLA directly so their Enforcement Unit can properly investigate and substantiate claims before a license can be suspended.

The Public Safety Committee will continue to forward updated complaints about businesses to SLA and closely monitor businesses that generate frequent complaints.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

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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50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
1/13/2025 Through 1/19/2025

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	15 Year	32 Year
	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Crime Complaints												
Murder	0	0	***	0	0	***	0	0	***	***	-100.0	***
Rape	1	0	***	2	1	100.0	2	1	100.0	***	***	-50.0
Robbery	2	3	-33.3	10	18	-44.4	6	10	-40.0	-25.0	10.0	-82.9
Fel. Assault	4	6	-33.3	13	19	-31.6	11	14	-21.4	10.0	120.0	37.5
Burglary	2	2	0.0	10	8	25.0	6	6	0.0	-25.0	-57.1	-90.0
Gr. Larceny	11	16	-31.2	37	55	-32.7	26	44	-40.9	-10.3	100.0	85.0
G.L.A.	3	5	-40.0	16	39	-59.0	8	25	-68.0	-52.9	166.7	-91.1
TOTAL	23	32	-28.12	88	140	-37.14	59	100	-41.00	-18.06	37.21	-72.04
Transit	0	0	***	0	0	***	0	0	***	***	-100.0	***
Housing	1	0	***	7	4	75.0	5	3	66.7	25.0	66.7	***
Petit Larceny	17	28	-39.3	57	94	-39.4	40	56	-28.6	-20.0	29.0	***
Retail Theft	4	9	-55.6	15	21	-28.6	12	15	-20.0	-52.0	***	***
Misd. Assault	9	5	80.0	22	16	37.5	15	13	15.4	-11.8	-31.8	***
UCR Rape*	1	1	0.0	3	3	0.0	3	3	0.0	200.0	***	***
Other Sex Crimes	2	0	***	2	3	-33.3	2	3	-33.3	-60.0	***	***
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***	0	0	***	0	0	***	***	***	***
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***	0	0	***	0	0	***	***	***	***
Hate Crimes	0	0	***	1	3	-66.7	0	0	***	-100.0	***	***
Traffic Statistics												
Traffic Fatalities	0	0	***	0	0	***	0	0	***	***	***	***

Historical Perspective

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

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2024	%Chg '24 vs '01	%Chg '24 vs '98	%Chg '24 vs '93	%Chg '24 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	1	-87.5	-66.7	-90.9	-92.9	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	14	-33.3	-36.4	-41.7	-61.1	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	138	-30.7	-52.7	-77.8	-78.7	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	252	71.4	72.6	-7.0	9.6	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	157	-56.0	-73.8	-86.4	-87.1	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	721	144.4	135.6	57.8	36.8	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	344	-24.9	-62.5	-80.7	-85.7	G.L.A.
TOTAL	5,083	4,322	2,285	1,485	1,627	9.6	-28.8	-62.4	-68.0	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.

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