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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION					
Date	June 18, 2024	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:50 PM
Meeting Held At	50 th Police Precinct				
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue				
ATTENDANCE					
Present	Edward Green, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Christopher Calhoun, Laura Spalter			Total	5
Absent				Total	-
Guests	Lieutenant Dolan (NYPD), Officer Amaro (NYPD), Officer Jamsheer (NYPD), Battalion Chief Gregory Lehr (FDNY), Jahi Rose (Civilian Complaint Review Board), Dardeep Deol (A1-J1 Restaurant Inc.), Jin Feng Chen (Moon Star Grill), Katerina Charles (Cote Wine Bar), Adam C. Powell (Chef Rose), Nick Lora (Chef Rose), Rosie Batista Lora (Chef Rose), Debby Allen (Guest), Felice Sontupe (Guest), Marlene Rosen (Guest), Ashley Medina (Guest), Eileen Cepeda (Guest)				

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 May 21st, 2024, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Lieutenant Dolan presented the NYPD CompStat report. Officer Amaro was present. Issues discussed:

- Late night partying at Van Cortlandt Park in the playground at Broadway & Mosholu Avenue. Resident states they made several 311 calls to address the issue, and the police response was “they saw nothing”. 50th Precinct states they have cars patrolling in the area and are aware of recent quality of life complaints about that location.

- Resident complaint about loud music blasting at Fort Four Park & Reservoir Avenue. 311 complaints made. Resident stated that police came three times and the music stopped but resumed shortly after they left. Resident stated that “telling them to lower the music is not going to stop them from playing it loud again as soon as the police leave.” Resident suggested ticketing the person playing the music or confiscating their property if they are in violation of the law.
- Resident complaint about cars with loud mufflers and music blasting on Johnson Avenue between 235th & 236th Street.
- Complaint about Illegal flower shop on 235th Street and Johnson Avenue.
- Tree Army robbed of extensive amounts of equipment. 50th Precinct states the incident is currently under investigation.
- Resident complaint about barbecues in Van Cortlandt Park at Broadway and 261st Street leaving large patches of the ground severely burned. Also, three parties at this location with loud music disturbing the neighborhood. Resident states various 311 calls were made on 6/9/24 & 6/15/24 to address the disturbance but police stated they found no evidence of ongoing parties and in some cases they did not respond to the 311 calls.
- A BXCB8 Board member inquired if the 50th Precinct reports on arrest clearance rates. 50th Precinct stated these numbers are not published for public availability but arrests for murders reported were 100% and arrests for robberies reported were 40%.

4. FDNY Report

FDNY Battalion Chief Gregory Lehr gave a statistical report.

Fires have increased 20% yearly.

Since September, NYC has banned the sale and rental of e-bike and other micro-mobility batteries that haven't been certified as safe by a recognized testing lab. These types of batteries are responsible for an increasing number of fires, injuries and deaths.

There has been widespread disregard of summonses issued for retailing batteries without safety certification by small and large retailers. Amazon and Target have reportedly been two of the biggest offenders.

A legislative proposal requiring businesses to provide their delivery drivers with certified batteries was suggested but no action has been taken by Elected Officials.

NYC Council passed a law (beginning in September 2024) that gives the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) the authority to temporarily seal businesses that are repeatedly cited for violations.

Federal legislation may be needed to restrict large online retailers like Amazon from selling uncertified, illegal batteries to the public. Elected Officials can be lobbied to express community concern about this issue and support this type of legislation.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Renewals

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Dardeep Deol, a Representative of A1-J1 Restaurant Inc., located at 5977 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew this establishment's license for liquor, wine, beer & cider.

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 (5): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Jin Feng Chen, a Representative of Moon Star Grill, located at 3519-3525 Johnson Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew this establishment's license for liquor, wine, beer & cider.

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 (5): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

No Representative for Chipotle Mexican Grill #4066 appeared before the committee. BXC8 will email the State Liquor Authority and notify them the business failed to attend the meeting, as per Public Safety Committee policy.

Blissful Kreations, Inc., previously located at 6661 Broadway did not attend this meeting for a liquor license renewal because they had been displaced by the homeless shelter construction project at 6661 Broadway. They stated they intend to move their business outside the district.

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Katerina Charles, a Representative of Cote Wine Bar located at 5639 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew this establishment's license for liquor, wine, beer & cider.

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 (5): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

6. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Application

Adam C. Powell, a Representative of Chef Rose Caribbean Restaurant, located at 205 West 231st Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new license and temporary retail permit for liquor, wine, beer & cider. Owners Nick Lora & Rosie Batista Lora were in attendance.

The applicants agreed to sign a 2AM closing agreement for their first year of operation.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Approve in favor (5): C. Calhoun, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Gibbs, E. Green, L. Spalter

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

7. Old Business

Chair Green stated he received a letter from NYC Police Commissioner Edward Caban, thanking the committee for its continued support of the NYPD.

The Commissioner's letter was in response to a letter Public Safety Committee Chair Green and Bronx Community Board 8 Chair Reyes sent to NYC Mayor Eric Adams, expressing concerns about City Council legislation *Intro 586-A* (aka "*How Many Stops Act*").

Chair Green made a motion to add New Information About Illegal Smoke Shops to the agenda.

Motion seconded by committee member Gibbs and approved unanimously by the committee.

Committee member Spalter reported on the Office of Cannabis Management Enforcement Briefing webinar she attended on 6/18/24. Committee discussed:

New enforcement measures include:

- Padlocking businesses after inspection
- Enhanced penalties against landlords and businesses
- NYC given the right to shut down businesses through changes in the Administrative Code

New York State/New York City Task Force established April 19, 2024

(State police will attack illegal supply and pipeline).

Criteria to shut down illegal businesses (one needed):

- Documented sale to minors and packaging that entices minors
- Unlicensed processing of cannabis
- Proximity to schools, churches, youth centers
- Products not tested or labeled according to law
- Illness or hospitalization
- Presence of unlawful firearms

Convenience Stores: Stores that sell many products other than cannabis will receive warnings, Notice of Fines and Penalties. Due Process Appeal within 3 days. Fines may go to \$20,000.

NYPD: Established close collaboration between NYC Sherriff's Office and NYPD to inspect, fine, issue violations, hold administrative hearings, designate point of contact with Sherriff and OCM, and seize cannabis.

Landlords: Higher fines of \$50,000 can be issued to landlords who fail to take eviction action. They may be subjected to Real Property Proceedings.

Reporting Complaints:

- Report violations to cannabis.ny.gov/enforcement
- Website and Complaint form link is [Cannabis.ny.gov/enforcement](https://cannabis.ny.gov/enforcement)
- Call 311
- Community Boards and City Council members are advised to reach out to the Sherriff's Office directly. A contact at OCM for community boards has not been established.
- Businesses selling illegally cannot apply for legal status for at least 2 years.

Chair Green stated he will attend OCM webinar on 6/20/24 and encouraged committee members to attend.

8. New Business

None.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm

Minutes submitted by Public Safety 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
6/10/2024 Through 6/16/2024

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	3	-66.7	0.0	-75.0	-50.0
Rape	0	0	***.*	1	0	***.*	4	6	-33.3	-66.7	0.0	-55.6
Robbery	1	3	-66.7	12	8	50.0	70	66	6.1	-12.5	-2.8	-75.8
Fel. Assault	5	5	0.0	22	18	22.2	97	97	0.0	2.1	70.2	-21.1
Burglary	5	1	400.0	11	13	-15.4	59	82	-28.0	-16.9	7.3	-88.9
Gr. Larceny	20	10	100.0	67	63	6.3	347	313	10.9	20.5	115.5	77.0
G.L.A.	6	9	-33.3	19	27	-29.6	151	147	2.7	17.1	139.7	-81.9
TOTAL	37	28	32.14	132	129	2.33	729	714	2.10	7.84	75.24	-63.29
Transit	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	3	6	-50.0	-25.0	-72.7	***.*
Housing	0	5	-100.0	0	12	-100.0	29	41	-29.3	-21.6	31.8	***.*
Petit Larceny	28	24	16.7	93	84	10.7	510	493	3.4	1.4	37.5	***.*
Retail Theft	10	10	0.0	35	37	-5.4	212	208	1.9	-19.4	***.*	***.*
Misd. Assault	9	3	200.0	29	24	20.8	151	145	4.1	-1.9	-16.1	***.*
UCR Rape*	0	0	***.*	1	1	0.0	10	13	-23.1	-33.3	***.*	***.*
Other Sex Crimes	0	1	-100.0	5	1	400.0	29	11	163.6	93.3	***.*	***.*
Shooting Vic.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	2	2	0.0	-60.0	-33.3	-50.0
Shooting Inc.	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	2	2	0.0	-60.0	-33.3	-50.0
Hate Crimes	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	1	2	-50.0	-85.7	***.*	***.*

Traffic Statistics

Traffic Fatalities	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	0	0	***.*	-100.0	***.*	***.*
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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.