



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	October 15, 2024	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:40 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, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Angel Ortega, Jyll Townes, Kevin Wade				Total	10
Absent	Nick Fazio				Total	1
Guests	Lieutenant Wolver (NYPD), Sergeant Amaro (NYPD), Community Affairs Officer Jamsheer (NYPD), Fran Hage (Mr. Viggs), Franklin Vargas (El Economico), Arelia Taveras (Caribe Bites), Walldimir Castillo (Caribe Bites), Seth Kaplan (P&K's Grille), Antonia Feliz (P&K's Grille), Julio Rosario (P&K's Grille), Ashley Medina (Guest), Katherine Broihier (Kingsbridge BID), Andrew Williams (Kingsbridge BID), Carlo Ceppo (Guest), Wyldon Fishman (Guest), Robert Fishman (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.

Committee welcomed new committee member Carol Blake.

Moment of silence to commemorate the passing of committee member Chris Calhoun.

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

The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Lieutenant Wolvers presented the NYPD CompStat report. Officers Amaro and Jamsheer were present. Issues discussed:

- Increased reports of auto break-ins and theft. Tires and catalytic converters routinely stolen in all areas of BXC8. Multiple resident complaints.
- Criminal recidivism enabled by soft-on-crime legislation, prosecutors and judges. One individual in the area responsible for multiple car break-ins has 26 arrests and continues to vandalize and steal property from vehicles despite multiple arrests for the same offence.
- Committee would like to discuss criminal recidivism with Bronx DA or appropriate legislative or judicial authority. At what point do multiple arrests elevate to higher level felonies or incarceration?
- Reports of drug dealing on 238th Street & Bailey Avenue, confirmed by NYPD. Arrests were previously made at that location, including a gun related arrest.
- Local Law 586, the “*How Many Stops Act*” requiring Officers to document separate police reports for each Level 1 interaction: Policy is forcing officers to work additional hours gathering, reviewing and reporting demographic information. NYPD officials still examining the policy’s impact on Officer response time. No public information available yet.
- Homeless loitering and drug use in public restrooms reported on Broadway & 242nd Street. NYPD states they patrol the area routinely and were not aware of this problem.
- Gang related arrests made in Marble Hill. Gang initiations include members robbing people at gunpoint.
- Ballot Proposal 4 discussed: This proposal would require additional public notice and time before the City Council votes on laws respecting the public safety operations of the Police, Correction, or Fire Departments. Voting “Yes” will require additional notice and time before the Council votes on laws respecting public safety operations of the Police, Correction, or Fire Departments. Voting “No” leaves laws unchanged.

4. FDNY Report

No representative for the FDNY attended the meeting.

Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries discussed:

- Deaths from e-bike fires declining in NY.
- Fires still occurring at similar rates but 51% of fires occur inside buildings, as opposed to 69% last year.
- 3 deaths and 84 injuries this year, compared to 14 deaths and 114 injuries the same time last year.
- Curbside, fire resistant, battery swapping cabinets available, allowing workers to swap depleted batteries for freshly charged ones.
- More battery charging stations available in outdoor public locations.
- More apartment buildings and workplaces have banned e-bikes and e-scooters from their premises.
- In September 2023, New York became the first city in the United States to pass legislation regulating the safety of e-bikes and e-scooters. Local law 39 prohibits the sale, lease or rental of e-mobility devices and batteries that have not been certified to industry safety standards.
- Since Sept. 2023, 275 violations issued to stores for uncertified e-bikes and batteries. Each violation carries a fine of up to \$2,000 for each type of e-bike or other device.

5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Renewals

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Fran Hage, President of Mr. Viggs, located at 5670 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee renew this establishment's liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and 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 (10): E. Green, L. Spalter, D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, M. Gibbs, A. Ortega, J. Townes, K. Wade

Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Arelia Taveras, Representative of El Economico, located at 5589 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee renew this establishment's liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and 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 (10): E. Green, L. Spalter, D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, M. Gibbs, A. Ortega, J. Townes, K. Wade

Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

6. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Corporate Change

Seth Kaplan, P&K's Grille, located at 170-174 West 231st Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a corporate change.

The current owner is selling his shares in the business to Antonia Feliz and Julio Rosario.

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): E. Green, L. Spalter, D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, M. Gibbs, A. Ortega, J. Townes, K. Wade

Opposed: 0 **Abstained: 0**

Areliá Taveras, Representative of Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant, located at 5586 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a corporate change.

The current owners are selling their shares in the business to Walldimir Castillo.

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): E. Green, L. Spalter, D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, M. Della, M. Gibbs, A. Ortega, J. Townes, K. Wade

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

7. Old Business

Discussion: Public Safety Committee SLA renewal policy:

The Public Safety Committee reached a consensus that SLA renewal applicants will not have to appear before the committee if that business meets certain criteria:

- If no 311 complaints or reports of disturbances exist, renewal applicants will be given the option to appear in person.
- The 50th Precinct will verify (in writing) beforehand if the business in question has had any resident complaints in the last 12 months.
- If complaints exist, the Public Safety Committee Chair, Vice Chair and BXCB8 Chair will examine the amount and nature of complaints to determine if that business should be required to appear.
- If renewal applicants are exempted from attending the meeting, the Public Safety Committee will still vote on a resolution approving the renewal application and the Board will send all resolutions to the State Liquor Authority.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm

Minutes submitted by Public Safety Committee Chair Ed Green



Eric L. Adams
Mayor

Police Department City of New York



Thomas G. Donlon
Police Commissioner

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CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week
10/7/2024 Through 10/13/2024

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	-50.0	-80.0	-85.7
Rape	1	0	*** *	4	0	*** *	12	8	50.0	-20.0	71.4	-36.8
Robbery	3	3	0.0	12	10	20.0	116	123	-5.7	-24.2	-7.2	-75.2
Fel. Assault	1	2	-50.0	17	10	70.0	193	165	17.0	12.2	105.3	-13.8
Burglary	3	1	200.0	12	9	33.3	130	115	13.0	21.5	1.6	-85.7
Gr. Larceny	14	14	0.0	48	52	-7.7	602	530	13.6	10.7	124.6	67.7
G.L.A.	8	7	14.3	26	27	-3.7	264	273	-3.3	26.3	175.0	-81.8
TOTAL	30	27	11.11	119	108	10.19	1,318	1,219	8.12	9.65	82.30	-61.59
Transit	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	4	8	-50.0	0.0	-73.3	*** *
Housing	0	2	-100.0	2	3	-33.3	51	65	-21.5	-13.6	54.5	*** *
Petit Larceny	25	16	56.2	90	74	21.6	873	872	0.1	-7.8	35.8	*** *
Retail Theft	9	3	200.0	23	21	9.5	335	342	-2.0	-34.4	*** *	*** *
Misd. Assault	6	8	-25.0	45	23	95.7	277	248	11.7	6.1	-9.8	*** *
UCR Rape*	1	0	*** *	4	1	300.0	20	21	-4.8	0.0	*** *	*** *
Other Sex Crimes	0	3	-100.0	2	4	-50.0	39	27	44.4	50.0	*** *	*** *
Shooting Vic.	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	3	5	-40.0	-75.0	-40.0	-75.0
Shooting Inc.	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	3	5	-40.0	-70.0	-40.0	-70.0
Hate Crimes	0	0	*** *	0	0	*** *	2	2	0.0	-71.4	*** *	*** *

Traffic Statistics

Traffic Fatalities	0	0	*** *	0	0	*** *	1	2	-50.0	-66.7	*** *	*** *
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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.