

Precinct 1-Community Affairs Meeting 10/30/2008

Present:

Anthony Notaro

Lois Kennedy

Marc Ameruso

Liz Williams

Trish Peifer-Arens

Rick Lee

Lt. K

Captain Pannarese

Officer Tommy Moran

Judy Norisky from CB1

Diane Stein from Councilman Gerson's Office

CRIME REPORT (Statistics for the year)

	<u>'08</u>	<u>'07</u>	<u>% change</u>
Rape	10	4	+ 60%
Robbery	80	102	- 21%
Felony Assault	71	62	+14%
Burglary	153	200	-23%
Grand Larceny	1011	1052	-12%
GLA (auto/motorcycle)	39	61	-36%

Overall, the crime statistics were down for the year.

THE MEETING WAS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

A resident of Duane Street, Matthew N., presented an issue to the board. Megu restaurant which is located at 137 Duane Street, has opened a nightclub called 'M' their converted bar on the second floor of their establishment. The club opened in October of this year. Since the opening of the club, Mr. N's life has been negatively impacted by loud music emanating from the nightclub from Tuesday through Saturday. The loud, pulsing bass heavy disco music can be heard and felt in his apartment until 2:00 am in the morning. Large crowds gather on the street in front of the entrance adding to the noise and overall disturbance from the club.

According to Mr. N's research into this matter, Megu does not have a cabaret license entitling them to play any other music than ambient background music. It also appears that Megu has made illegal renovations to their space without seeking the appropriate permits from the DoB. Furthermore, Megu is currently operating outside of their Application of Operation issued by the State Liquor Authority (SLA).

This matter was discussed at length. Support and ideas were provided to Mr. N by the police department and CB1.

Diane Stein from Councilman Gerson's office made two announcements the first regarding the 50+ Expo which will be in the month of November. More information on that is available on their website.

Diane also announced that on Friday November 14th at 10:00 am in the Community Room of City Hall (call before arriving as schedules are known to change quickly) 3 bills will be open for public discussion. The bills involve street vendors. There is a bill regarding the number of general vendor's license to be issued, vendors on streets narrower than 12 feet, and the issue of vendors creating street obstructions.

Finally, a community member from Wooster Street between Canal and Grand Streets reported graffiti and vandalism occurring on this block. She also stated that there was an increase of illegal handbag trade on the street as well. She was advised to contact the Anti-Graffiti unit regarding the graffiti.

Everyone's favorite, George, closed the meeting with words of praise for the job well done by the dedicated officers of PC 1.

The Next meeting will be held on Wednesday November 19th at 6:30 at PC1 located on the corner of Beach Street and Varick Street.