

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2019  
50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Margaret Donato  
Myra Joyce  
Edward Green  
Jyll D. Townes

**AFFILIATION**

CB8 Public Safety Committee (Chair)  
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Committee members absent: Diomarys Escano, Louis Lopez, Mary Yamagata

Guests: Regina Wilson (NYCEM), Edward Christ (Post 95 VFW), Edward Sayad, Sean Barry (Mulgriff Tavern), Steve Rossiter, Robert Press, Rosemary Ginty, David Gellman, Dan Padernacht, Mr. Garcia, Alicia Mortis.

Present but did not sign in: Urbano Estevez and Arelia Taveras from Barcelona Bites

Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

- 1. Committee members introduced themselves**
- 2. Minutes of the December meeting were approved unanimously**  
In favor: M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, J. Townes  
Opposed: 0  
Abstain: 0
- 3. Police Report**
  - a. Presented by Captain Melendez
  - b. Compstat Report

**28 day report ending January 13, 2019.**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Murder	0	0
Rape	2	1
Robbery	8	2
Felony Assault	12	9
Burglary	2	9
Grand Larceny	39	30
Grand Larceny Auto	8	6
Total	71	57

- c. Crimes on senior citizens are up  
Phone scams – IRS, your relative injured, relative arrested. All asking for money.  
Epidemic of rims being stolen particularly from Honda Accords, Rav 4s. Captain suggested that people should invest in wheel locks  
Grand Larceny Autos (GLAs) are up, but low compared with previous years

Assaults are up. Primarily due to domestic violence. Often children assaulting elderly relative. If the victim is over 65 it is considered Assault 2.

Shooting at 225 St in which there are 2 suspects. One was the victim who was arrested. He has a long robbery history and is on parole. The shooter has not been found yet.

Domestic violence is a serious problem in our community and a main reason for homelessness in this Community Board

The age at which a young adult can be treated as a juvenile is going up from age 16 years to 18. This will be effective next year.

Cases of children committing assault on grandparents or parents goes to family court.

Phone scams are investigated by cyber-unit. Officer Cintron goes out on phone scam reports

#### **4. FDNY – no report**

#### **5. SLA Renewal Applications**

**Punch Bowl (Mulgriff Tavern), 5820 Broadway** – Sean Barry representing

Management raised the age that drinks would be served to 25 years. This was done 2 years ago

They have been at this location for 39 years. There have been no issues with noise or any other problems

In favor of approving the application: M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, J. Townes

Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

**Bronx Post 95 War Veterans, 3960 Orloff Avenue.** – Edward Christ representing

They have been there since 1974. There have been no problems there at all.

Hold family events.

In favor of approving the application: M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, J. Townes

Opposed: 0, Abstain: 0

#### **Regina Wilson, NYC Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) gave a presentation on NYC CERT**

The CERT program is associated with NYC Emergency Management

Community volunteers are trained by FDNY, NYPD, Emergency Management. The next training will be at Taft High School, starting on February, 4<sup>th</sup>. It is a 5 week program, 2 days a week. More information can be found at the website: NYC.gov/cert. Regina Wilson gave her phone number: 347-203-3614

Ms Wilson acknowledged CB8 member David Gellman as a member of CERT. David commented that he did smoke detector installation.

CERT has a video about putting together a “go bag.” The PS Committee stated that we would be very interested in showing this video along with a presentation to the community at a future PS meeting.

**CB8 and Barcelona Bites received a letter from the SLA stating that their liquor license was not going to be renewed.** Their request for Corporate Change was removed from the agenda, they were advised of this prior to the meeting, but chose to attend the meeting. They stated their intention was to convince the PS committee that they are changing their business model and presented in a letter (attached) that they will abide by some specific stipulations. The point that this issue is in the hands of the SLA, not the PS committee, was stressed by Chair Donato. It was now the decision of the SLA.

Captain Melendez spoke about the problems occurring at the location, including public urination, noise, property destruction, etc. Several neighborhood residents came to speak at the meeting and talked about the same issues Captain Melendez mentioned. They said their lives have been miserable due to the activities going on at Barcelona Bites. We again stated and Captain Melendez reinforced that approval of the SLA request is not in our hands.

Officer Alvin Hunte introduced himself as the Transit NCO. His area is the Broadway #1 train from 242<sup>nd</sup> Street to 225<sup>th</sup> Street. Officer Hunte's email is: [Alvin.Hunte@nypd.org](mailto:Alvin.Hunte@nypd.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

Submitted by Myra Joyce, Co-chair