

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 21, 2010 AT THE 50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Arlene Feldmeier	CB8
Anthony Creany	CB8
Warren S. Dolny	CB8
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Sergio Marguez	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
Bill Stone	CB8
Gregory Adames	50 <sup>th</sup> Precinct Council
Journet Camarco	resident
Patti Casseur	resident
Herbert DeCassers	resident
Det. Diaz	NYPD/CAB
Joelle Duval	resident
Jacqueline Duval	resident
Philip Friedman	CERT
Tom O'Connor	50 <sup>th</sup> Precinct Council
Det. Rodriguez	50 <sup>th</sup> Precinct
Andrew Sandler	rep. Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
Sgt. Villafane	NYPD/CAB
Adam Wisnieski	Riverdale Press

The meeting began at 7:10 p.m.

1. Community board committee members and members of the public introduced themselves.
2. Public Safety Committee minutes for September 16 were approved.
3. P.O. Rodriguez gave the updated crime statistics.
  - Murders remain the same
  - Rape was up 27%
  - Robberies were up. P.O. Rodriguez said robberies were up throughout the city.
  - Felony assaults were down 1%
  - Burglaries were down by 10%
  - Car thefts were down.

Robert Press asked if the crime statistics could be handed out instead of read.

P.O. Rodriguez described a “smart key” that is produced by Toyota. He said car thieves get these “smart keys,” break into cars and by use of the “smart key,” get the number for making a key to the car. Once the key is made, they come back and drive off with the car. He noted it as not illegal for someone to be in possession of this “smart key.”

4. Liquor License Applicants: New – Riverdale Garden Restaurant, 4576 Manhattan College Pkwy; New – SBK Restaurant & Lounge, 6677C Broadway; Renewal – Pizza to Go, 3661 Waldo Avenue. None of these applicants appeared before the committee, so no action was taken.
5. There was no Fire Department report.
6. Old business – Three members of the community attended and reported on the Riverdale Avenue issue concerning a gas station. P.O. Rodriguez and Adam Sandler from Council Member Koppell’s office spoke with the owner concerning building a fence to keep people from the rear of the property. The fence was built and the neighbors reported that, while the situation has improved, there is still alcohol consumed on the premises and noise even as late as 2 a.m. P.O. Rodriguez said he would check with the manager of the facility.
7. The report of a vicious dog on Riverdale Avenue was discussed. Andrew Sandler of Council Member Koppell’s office said the ASPCA was investigating.
8. The Chairperson asked for volunteers for two new efforts. 1) is to do research on the liquor license applicants, both the premises and the individuals applying. She suggested a computer search by Googling the names and asked Rosemary Ginty if she would take on this task. 2) The second request was for someone to drive to the premises of liquor license applicants and report on their operations. Warren Dolny and Anthony Creaney will do that task.
9. Chairperson’s report – The chairperson reported that Steven Froot has offered to donate a “bait car” to the 50<sup>th</sup> precinct. The car has not been accepted. There seems to be questions about the car’s condition and the cost of maintaining it.
10. Philip Friedman spoke about the work of CERT – Community Emergency Response Team. He asked to be on future agendas of the Public Safety Committee to report on CERT’s work. He will ask that CERT be a budget priority in the 2013 budget requests.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Rosemary Ginty