

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2007
AT THE 50th PRECINCT
3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

Present:

Arlene Feldmeier
Philip Friedman
Anthony Creaney
Warren Dolny
Juan Goris
Yuval Dekel
Herb Eysser
Tommy Hallissey
Richard McAllan
Eric J. Maracotta
Tommaso Quintieri
Detective Luis Rodriguez
Kevin Wang

Affiliation:

Committee Chair
CB 8
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Liebman's Delicatessen
FDNY Union
Riverdale Press
NYC EMS (Ret)
Goal Post Bar
Peppino Family Italian Restaurant
NYPD 50th Precinct
Palace of Japan

Meeting Scheduled Start: 7:00PM

EMS Ambulance tour - Duration 7:00 – 7:30PM

Introductions:

Motion to approve last committee meeting's minutes. → Approved

Chairperson's Report:

Clarification of comments made at 11/13/07 Full Board meeting regarding Issuance of Moving Violations by NYPD to Automobiles within the private roadways owned by the Fieldston Property Owner's Association:

- A board member at the 11/13/07 full board meeting had asked the 50th Precinct Executive Officer in attendance how NYPD has jurisdiction to cite drivers for moving violations on the privately owner roadways of the 'Fieldston Area' (*specific reference at the 11/13 meeting was to vehicles driving around speed bumps and/or running stop signs.*)
- Public Safety Chairperson states that DOT road regulations within New York City apply to registered vehicles regardless of public or private roads.

These regulations allow the police to issue citations for unsafe driving on the privately owned roads.

Police Report:

- Update to a shooting which recently occurred at W225th Street and Broadway: two arrests were made on 11/14/07 in connection with that shooting.
- Car thefts: within the previous two weeks reported thefts were higher than usual. 14-15 cars were reported stolen; usually 3-4 cars per week are reported. Overall for the year, reported car theft still down from previous year.
- Robberies: Only (1) reported during previous week.
 - It is mentioned that there have been apx. (8) reported robberies on W238th Street going towards the steps to Riverdale occurring at night (at or around 11PM). Some reports included robber on bicycle.

FDNY Report:

- Frequency of construction site inspections have increased since Deutsch Bank incident. Though this is likely would increase safety at construction sites, this may also slightly increase response time of FDNY to incidents (active engine/ladder companies perform the site inspections.)
- Question is posed regarding impact of new Con Edison power line to be installed through CB8 on FDNY response. It is mentioned that FDNY was included in coordinations with Con Edison installation plans to prevent/minimize interference with FDNY dispatch/operation.

Liquor License Renewals & New Applications:

Renewals

The Goal Post, 216 West 238 St.: (Representative present)

- Establishment in operation since Jan 1, 1985 – no problems.
- Caters to older customers – 40 yrs old being considered a young customer.

PY Deli Bros Corp., 552 W. 235th St.: (aka Liebman's Deli - Representative present)

- Establishment previously purchased by son from father.
- Establishment had previously had a license but did not renew several year earlier (possibly due to issues with staff as mentioned by current owner.)

Goodfellas II, LLC, 3661 Waldo Avenue: (No representative present)

- No discussion

Jin Shan Fa, Inc. 3505 -3507 Johnson Avenue: (Representative present)

- Restaurant in business since 1985 and currently has a beer and wine License; establishment applying for a liquor license.
- Restaurant currently renovating and expanding into adjacent storefront (former jewelry store.)

Yokohama Japanese Restaurant, 438 West 238th Street. (No representative present)

- No discussion

Peppino's Restaurant, 5668 Broadway (within 'Staples' strip mall):
(Representative present)

- Restaurant operating since 1963.

New Applications

Ian Conroy of corp to be formed 5693 Riverdale Ave (transfer of on-premise liquor license – former 'Greentree'): (No representative present)

- No discussion
- Motion to provide favorable recommendation to Liquor Board for all applicants and renewals → **Approved (unanimous).**

New Business:

W 225th Street Stop Sign Request:

- A committee attendee requests investigation for a new stop sign near entrance of Marble Hill Train Station (apx. 20 feet from intersection.)
 - Currently there is no cross walk or street strips at W 225th Street in areas of Marble Hill Avenue and Jacobus Place. A pedestrian had been hit by a car several months earlier.
 - Committee will refer matter to the Department of Transportation for survey.

Broadway Pedestrian Islands:

- It is mentioned that a pedestrian island is being installed on Broadway & W 238th Street for the BX 9 bus. It is commented that the island appears to be a good idea since cars routinely drive around the bus on the passenger door side when buses are stopped and loading/unloading passengers.

Food Emporium Strip Mall Parking Lot Hazard:

- It is mentioned that there is a grey painted post sticking from the ground that may pose a hazard to automobiles.
- Overall condition of strip mall property briefly discussed with owner/representative of Liebman's Deli (see *Liquor License Renewal list*) mentioning that the old 'Sterlings' store took so long to re-occupy due to

owner looking for a Kosher occupant to accommodate adjacent SAR school
(the particular Dunkin Donuts which now occupies the store is a Kosher establishment.)

- Committee will attempt to determine owner of the strip mall and issue a letter advising of potentially hazardous condition.

Potential Speaker Regarding Homeless:

- Chairperson asks committee if there is interest in having a speaker address issue of homelessness. Committee indicated that since homelessness did not seem to be a pressing problem within CB8 that the speaker would be deferred.

Old Business:

- No Old Business

Announcements:

- NYPD advises that they will be making enforcement of seatbelt and cell phone regulations in automobiles a priority during the holidays. Additionally it is stated that, regardless of whom the violator is tickets will be issued.

Meeting Adjourns 8:15PM

Submitted by,

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Chairperson
Public Safety Committee

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