

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue

MEETING DATE: December 18th, 2018

PRESENT:

Margaret Donato (Committee Chair)
Diomarys Escano
Ed Green
Myra Joyce (Vice Chair)
Louis Lopez
Jyll Townes
Mary Yamagata

ABSENT:

None

GUESTS:

Yair Benzaker (S&S Cheesecake), Ben Rest (Home the Bronx Steakhouse), Rodney Bellamy, Meghan Cowley (Jake's Steakhouse), Keith McDermott, Ruby R. Palma, Robert Press.

Chair Margaret Donato called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Public Safety Committee members introduced themselves.

Minutes from the November 20th, 2018 meeting were approved.

POLICE REPORT

Captain Emilio Melendez presented the 28-day CompStat Report ending 12/16/18 (*attached*).

- Individuals still breaking into cars and stealing tires in unspecified locations throughout the area.
- Burglary pattern on Indian Road. Primarily jewelry and money being stolen.
- More "property crimes" than any other type of crime in the precinct district.
- Vice Chair Myra Joyce inquired about a large truck consistently parked near Christ Church and the park on Henry Hudson Parkway. Police Officers attending meeting stated they would investigate the matter.
- Chair Margaret Donato inquired about previous reports of two (male and female) pocket book thieves in the neighborhood that were never apprehended. Capt. Melendez stated there were no leads yet, but the pattern stopped several weeks ago.

- An adolescent at Public School 141 was in possession of a gun on school property last month; local school officials reprimanded him; the gun was found to be a non-dischargeable weapon; no laws were broken.
- Barcelona Bites club has been “behaving” recently and there have been no major complaints issued towards them this month, as per Capt. Melendez.
- *What’s Up* and similar digital Apps are being used to promote parties by large groups of non-residents within area. 50th Precinct is monitoring this activity to find out where potential disturbances and unlawful, possible gang related activity might occur.
- Chair Donato inquired about the excessive amount of homeless people at the 242nd Street Terminal for the #1 Subway line. Capt. Melendez stated this issue is just now being brought to his attention and was previously unaware of it being a problem. Committee member Ed Green stated there is an epidemic of homelessness at this terminal that has gone largely unaddressed.
- Guest Robert Press inquired about how many officers were under the command of Captain Melendez. Captain Melendez stated 154 officers are under his command.

FIRE REPORT

None available.

NEW APPLICATIONS: Liquor License or Beer/Wine License:

Home The Bronx Steakhouse, 222-224 West 238th Street (2nd request)

Guest Robert Press inquired if the 500-foot rule was being properly observed. Owner stated he believed it was.

Committee approved application unanimously 7-0, pending full board approval.

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS: Liquor License or Beer/ Wine License

Kingsbridge Social Club, 3625 Kingsbridge Avenue

No representative for Kingsbridge Social Club attended the meeting.

Jakes Steakhouse, 6031 Broadway

Representative Meghan Cowley discussed a recent incident regarding a drunken customer causing a disturbance.

Committee approved application unanimously 7-0, pending full board approval.

TCR Tennis Club, 2600 Netherland Avenue

Committee approved application unanimously 7-0, pending full board approval.

Yokomo, 216 West 242nd Street

No representative for Yokomo attended the meeting.

Loesers Kosher Deli, 214 West 231st Street

No representative for Loesers Kosher Deli attended the meeting.

SIDEWALK CAFÉ RENEWAL:

An Beal Bocht, 445 West 238th Street

Committee approved application unanimously 7-0, pending full board approval.

Salvatores of Soho, 3738 Riverdale Avenue

No representative for Salvatores of Soho attended the meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Guest stated he heard rumors from neighborhood residents about people stealing handbags on Johnson Avenue by the stores. Police in attendance stated that nothing of that nature had been reported in that area.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Minutes submitted, pending approval, by Ed Green.

Reviewed by Committee Chair Margaret Donato & Committee Vice Chair Myra Joyce.