

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2014 AT THE  
50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Arlene Feldmeier  
Robert Press  
Gary Singleton  
Mercedes Zegarra-Soja  
Herb Young  
Joseph O'Brien  
Eddie Molina

Myra Joyce  
Tom O'Connor  
Angel Villanueva  
Henry Gonzalez  
Kenia Castillo  
Jose Jimenez

**AFFILIATION**

Committee Chair  
Committee Vice Chair  
CB8  
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50 Pct. Auxilliary, community committee member  
community committee member  
50th Precinct Community Council  
Kachapa  
Tillia  
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Estrellita Problanita V

Chair Feldmeier opened the meeting at 7:15 PM, and a quorum was achieved at 7:30 PM. There was an introduction of those present, and the chair re-appointed Robert Press as the Vice-chair of the committee.

The Chair reported that the new CB 8 chair would like the committee to meet in other locations than the 50 Pct. and that there be only 2 community committee members per committee. She also said the board chair asked for a resolution to support the community notice registration the City Council advocates. A vote on a resolution for CB 8 to support of the City Council proposed gun registry bill was 7 – 0 – 0, members A. Feldmeier, R. Press, J. O'Brien, G. Singleton, M. Zegara-Soja, H. Young, and Community Committee member M. Joyce in favor.

The Chair read the Fire Department Activity report with the fire stats. There was a letter from a florist on West 225<sup>th</sup> Street about street harassment of people and illegal narcotics activity said to be going on in the area of his establishment. The 50 Pct. has done a sweep of the area and the matter has been taken care of according to a letter from Deputy Inspector Rasa. There was a shooting by 5221 Broadway in April with three bullet holes still in the 5223 doorway. A vacant building at 32 Marble Hill Avenue has graffiti, break-ins, and a leaking sewer line. Department of Buildings was

on site and the leaking sewer will be referred to the E&S committee. There was also a stabbing at 2741 Sedgwick Avenue. September is National Preparedness Month and the CERT team on September 5th will be at Fordham Plaza. A flyer on bike safety – Operation Safe Cycle was handed out, and there was a discussion on the 5 proposed entrances to VCP at the Yonkers border. The chair drafted a resolution in opposition to the 5 Yonkers entrances that was approved unanimously 8 – 0 – 0 with the second Community Committee member E. Molina also voting.

The Chair said that the NYPD is warning not to buy stolen phones. There have been ATV sightings in the community board area, and on July 29<sup>th</sup> 5 shots were fired by 5353 Independence Avenue.

### **Liquor Licenses -**

Q Kachapa Restaurant 5625-6 Broadway – Owner is Angel Villaneuva, Venezuelan theme, open 18 months, hours up to midnight weekdays, 6 AM weekends. Twenty seats at bar.

The chair informed all applicants of the training session for all license holders, and encouraged tonight's applicants to attend when it is given.

Tillia Bar and Grill 3648 Broadway formally known as the Bottom Line has a new owner who also owns Tin Marin on Riverdale Avenue. Owner wants to make this a Latin-American restaurant similar to his one on Riverdale Avenue, and also said that he wants to have a Sidewalk Cafe like the other next year. Hours noon – 1 AM weekdays, 4 AM weekends.

Estrellita Proplanita V, 240-242 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street. Owner Jose A. Jimenez. In business one year, no license before, 75 seats, but will be a small bar area and drinks with meals. Mexican food, hours 10 AM -11 PM weekdays, 10AM – 2 AM weekends. Will also have a Mariachi band on weekends.

The vote was 8 – 0 – 0 on all three applications with members A. Feldmeier, R. Press, J. O'Brien, G. Singleton, M. Zegara Soja, H. Young, and Community Committee members M. Joyce and E. Molina in favor.

La Nueva Estrella Pizza and Deli 219 West 230<sup>th</sup> Street was a no show and was not voted on. There was no police report, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted to the chair for review by Vice-Chair Robert Press.