

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2014, AT THE 50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE

PRESENT

Arlene Feldmeier
Robert Press
Sylvia Alexander
Margaret Donato
Gary Singleton
Herb Young
Chris Donato
Myra Joyce
Ed Molina
Andrew Sandler
Tom O'Connor
Boris Ayala
Richard Mosca
Elliot Pollach
Gilmore Vilca
Andy Diaz
Ernies Alemas
Daisy Deya

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Generico's
Generico's
Raine Lounge
Uptown Sports

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Vice Chair Robert Press who announced that the chair would be arriving later in the meeting.

There was an introduction of those present. Having a quorum present (and no April meeting) the minutes of the March meeting were corrected on page 2 - Yo Burger to new application. The minutes were approved as amended 7 – 0 – 0 by board members S. Alexander, M. Donato, R. Press, G. Singleton, and community committee members C. Donato, M. Joyce, and E. Molina.

The chair report was moved for the police report.

The police report included that an incident outside the Raine Lounge located at 170 West 233rd Street resulted in two people being shot. The police continue to investigate, to determine exactly what happened to escalate this into a shooting, from which both victims are expected to recover. The Raine Lounge will now be placed on a target list by the NYPD, NYFD, and other city agencies to make sure this does not happen again.

Liquor license - Renewals

Compass Group USA – 6301 Riverdale Avenue Mount Saint Vincent College

Boris Ayala Manager, and Richard Nosca of Compass Group USA explained that it is on the college campus as part of the catering for college functions. There are no students under the age of 21 allowed into any events where campus security has a list of all the students and their ages. It is mainly facility and seniors over the age of 21 who attend the events

which they were hosting a graduation event tonight. No police reports of any disturbances at this location.

Tacos Y Antojitos Mexicanos La Carrina Inc. 155 A West Kingsbridge Road was a no show.

Liquor license – New

Gils Pizza Restaurant Corp. 3535 Riverdale Avenue.

Gilmar Vilia (owner), and Elliot Pollack representing the owner explained that Mr. Vilia is the new owner of Generico's Restaurant currently at the location. Since it is a new owner it has to be a new application. Mr. Vilia said that he will continue to have only beer and wine available as currently, and that one of the owners will continue to work for him. No police reports of any disturbances at this location.

Andy Diaz and Ernie Alemas, owners of Raine Lounge and Uptown Sports Complex spoke to the committee to try to explain what had occurred at the lounge, their deep roots in the community, and their strong desire to avoid a similar incident. They were warned by Vice-Chair Press that they were in a police precinct and that anything they said could be used as evidence. Mr. Diaz said that it was a birthday party on Sunday that was booked by an entertainment company. Raine Lounge is open Friday and Saturday, and rented out for events on other days. Mr. Diaz continued that no weapons were inside, and no altercation took place inside Raine Lounge. He added that the video was taken by the police. The Lounge has licensed security guards, 125 people were at the party.

The chair arrived and was updated on what went on, and was taking place. Mr. Diaz continued that Raine Lounge is going to be a full 12 PM to 12 AM Tapas Mediterranean bar in a little over a month with karaoke, live music, and other events. Raine Lounge currently has 25 tables to go up to 45 when converted. Mr. Diaz said he and his partner also own Uptown Sports on the same block, both went to Kennedy High School, and both live in the area.

After the exit of Mr. Diaz and Mr. Alemas the liquor licenses were voted on.

Compass Group USA 6301 Riverdale Avenue – Vote was unanimous 8 - 0 - 0 Board members S. Alexander, M. Donato, A. Feldmeier, R. Press, G. Singleton, H. Young, Community members M. Joyce and E. Molina.

Gils Pizza 3535 Riverdale Avenue unanimous with the same vote 8 – 0 – 0. S. Alexander, M. Donato, A. Feldmeier, R. Press, G. Singleton, H. Young, Community members M. Joyce and E. Molina.

Tacos Y Antojitos Mexicanos La Catrina Inc. 155 A West Kingsbridge Road was tabled to the next meeting.

The chair report was next as Chair Feldmeier spoke of the State Liquor Authority briefing she had attended. She noted that the SLA looks at many different criteria including community board input, including a Manhattan community boards unanimous disapproval of an application that was denied by the SLA.

Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2016 -

The chair was told that the auxiliary police car being used is a 2003 Crown Victoria has over 149,000 miles or more, but has to meet with Deputy Inspector Rasa to determine his exact priorities.

New Business – It was announced that the Local on West 231st Street has reopened.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice Chair R. Press.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Press, Vice Chair
Public Safety Committee