

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2015 AT THE
50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

ATTENDANCE

Joseph O'Brien, Acting Chair
Lenora Croft
Margaret Donato
Robert Press
Mary Yamagata
Herb Young
Myra Joyce
Amy Joy Robateau
Tom O'Connor
Andrew Sandler
Eson Chen
Ernest Carafa
Chi Lau
Patricia Murray
Xavier Orochena
Jenny Reynolds
Elisha Ashely
Niamara Mercado
Tiamra Negrón
Freddie Thomas
Elizabeth Thompson
Gardenia Slade

AFFILIATION

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50th Precinct Community Council
Councilman Cohen's Office
Palace of Japan
Fenwick's Pub
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Madden's Bar & Grill

Acting Chair Joseph O'Brien called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 15, 2015. A quorum was present.

The minutes from the September 17, 2015 were unanimously approved. (Joe O'Brien, Lenora Croft, Margaret Donato, Robert Press, Mary Yamagata, and Herb Young, and community member Myra Joyce all voting yes.) Community Board Chair Dan Padernacht was present.

Captain O'Toole presented the police report for the 9/20-10/11/2015 period. There was one shooting but that actually occurred in the 46th Precinct. The perpetrator of the seven robberies that began on Labor Day along Riverdale Avenue was apprehended. A search of his residence (260th St and Riverdale Ave.) revealed a device that "looked dangerous." Experts were called in and the area was closed off. Turned out to be a hoax device.

Captain O'Toole reported on another robbery that occurred on the border with the 52nd Precinct in Kingsbridge. The female perpetrator with a gun was apprehended.

The captain also said tire and rim thefts are occurring across the city, mostly targeting Hondas. The robbery clusters are moving around from neighborhood to neighborhood. The 50th Precinct has an etching program for cars and electronic devices to safeguard them from thefts.

We should expect to see officers in gray shirts who are in training at the Academy. It is anticipated that they will be assigned to the precinct on graduation.

Accidents in the 225th St and Broadway vicinity: Traffic lines are faded. The DOT will be notified. Cameras were requested for 225th, 231st and 242nd Streets along Broadway.

NYPD officers using NYPD dashboard plaques to park illegally: There were 10 reports this year. If this is reported within the officer's home precinct, then it is addressed internally initially with a warning followed by monetary fines.

Crossing guards

Their necessity being assessed at all schools. There is an in-house procedure to assist applicants for the crossing guard test.

A resident commented that Webb Avenue is like a raceway. Captain O'Toole said his officers will pay more attention to that area.

Robert Press presented the Fire Report

Engine 81 and Ladder 46 in Kingsbridge Heights got generators

Engine 52 and Ladder 52 in Riverdale (Henry Hudson Parkway) is #1 on the list to get generators.

Liquor Licenses Applications:

Fenwick's (432 West 238th Street): Chi Lau is purchasing Fenwick's and is applying for a new license. Fenwick's is applying for a renewal in case Lau is denied a license. Andrew Sandler of Councilman Andrew Cohen's office raised the issue of chronic noise and littering problems, and asked how underage drinking will be addressed. Mr. Lau stated that he will have security and a scanner at the door. He is planning to upgrade the kitchen to serve food which he suggests will change the demographic to an older crowd. Last call will be 1 hour before closing, and Mr. Lau is aware that the first year the closing time will be 2:00 a.m.

Madden's Bar & Grill (5757 Broadway): Refiled to include three businesses serving alcohol with 500 feet. Renovations at the site are proceeding and they are aware of the 2:00 a.m. closing time for new licenses.

Palace of Japan (3505 Johnson Ave.): presented at the last meeting but no quorum was present so the vote was tabled until this meeting.

Liquor license requests for all the establishments were approved unanimously (J. O'Brien, L. Croft, M. Donato, R. Press, M. Yamagata, H. Young, and M. Joyce voting yes.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Joe O'Brien
Acting Chair
Public Safety Committee