

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 17, 2011 AT THE 50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT**

**PRESENT**

**AFFILIATION**

|                                  |                              |
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| Arlene G. Feldmeier              | Committee Chair              |
| Warren S. Dolny                  | CB8                          |
| Rosemary Ginty                   | CB8                          |
| Georgia Santiago                 | CB8                          |
| Patricia Mullen                  | CB8                          |
| Bill Stone                       | CB8                          |
| Herbert Young`                   | CB8                          |
| Sergio Villaverde                | CB8                          |
| Gregory Adames                   | 50 Pct. Community Council    |
| Al Chapman                       | KHNIA                        |
| Arion Curonaj                    | Salvatores of Soho           |
| Caridad International Restaurant |                              |
| Ben Grief                        |                              |
| Steve Hollander                  | Dale Restaurant              |
| Graham Kates                     | Riverdale Press              |
| Stefanos Katsikoumtas            | Dale Restaurant              |
| Andrew Sandler                   | Office of Councilman Koppell |
| Elizabeth Thompson               | KHNIA                        |

**Minutes for the Public Safety Committee Meeting**

Andrew Sandler reported on the status of the North Riverdale owner's six dogs. The Dept of Buildings cited her for a fence surrounding her property that is not tall enough to meet the code. This resulted in the dog's ability to leave the property and harm neighbors. The dogs have been removed and placed in an animal hospital until the fence is replaced. Andrew reported that she has applied for a permit to build a higher fence.

**Chairs Report:**

Board continues to monitor issues: Plans to consolidate mail distribution center in the Bronx; dog removal on Riverdale Avenue; imposters posing as Con Ed employees.

At suggestion of Sergio Marquez, the chair checked with ethics board and confirmed that the board is in fact allowed to give Detective Rodriguez and his wife a gift to welcome their new twins, under the "one-time special personal occasion" exclusion to dollar limits rule. Gift will be presented at the April board meeting.

The Police Dept report was read by the Chairwoman. Comparing the statistics from last year to date:

**March crime statistics and more:**

|   | <u>2011</u> | <u>2010</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| • Murder  | 1           | 3           |
| The murder occurred on Sunday March 13 at approx 5 pm. Common-law husband having a dispute w/his wife stabbed her with a syringe containing cyanide. Husband then drank the cyanide and died. |             |             |
| • Rape  | 0           | 1           |
| • Robbery   | 20          | 20          |
| • Felony Assault  | 18          | 25          |

- Burglary                      32                      37
- Stolen Auto                      15                      17
- Grand Larceny                      65                      53

Det. Rodriguez also asked that the group be alerted that the summons issued to a motorist for using a cell phone while operating a motor vehicle comes with 2 points added to their license.

The minutes were then unanimously approved.

The following liquor license applicants appeared before the Committee or Community Board office and were discussed:

- Salvatore's of Soho - Riverdale Avenue/238 St
- Dale Restaurant- 230 St /Bway
- Caridad - Bway
- An Beal Bocht - 238 St/ Waldo
- Mr. McGoo

The following applicants did not appear before the Committee:

- Hola
- Ginger Grill - Riverdale Ave/W238 St
- Jesse James
- Keenan's
- Kelly Ryan - Mosholu Ave
- Manhattan College Faculty Dining Room
- Piper's Kilt - 230 St
- Wave Hill

The Committee unanimously adopted a resolution approving the five (5) applications for those that had representatives present and tabling the eight (8) that had no representatives at the Committee.

A resident of Irwin Avenue sent a letter to the Board and appeared before the Committee concerning requests for stop signs at various locations in Kingsbridge and for enforcement of regulations in certain other locations. He also appeared before the Traffic and Transportation Committee. There was a consensus that the issue be coordinated with the T & T Committee and a request be sent to the 50th Precinct to research the history of accidents, etc at the locations requested for enforcement.

The Chair read a list of budget requests from the Fire Department:

- Renovation funds have been cut by 30%. They ask for capital funding in this category.
- Fire Safety Education expense budget funding.
- EMS Gators - they request capital funding to replace 6 of the fleet of 10.
- They request expense money for CPR kits.

A committee member requested that Manhattan College be contacted to share their required safety plan for their educational research nuclear reactor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted:

Arlene G. Feldmeier, Committee Chair