

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MAY 21, 2019
50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Margaret Donato
Myra Joyce
Edward Green
Diomarys Escaño
Jyll D. Townes

AFFILIATION

CB8 Public Safety Committee (Chair)
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Committee members absent: Louis Lopez

Guests: Colleen Boris, Maria de La Luz (Khalle Bar & Grill), Steve Catechis (Blackstone Bar), Miguel Acosta (5660 Eatery Group and Silhouette), David Gellman, Joe Boonchan (Siam Square), Dennis Liranzo (5660 Eatery Group), Elisaria Lopez (Truffa Pizzeria), Jsoelito Severino (Tilila)

Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:05

1. Committee members introduced themselves
2. Minutes of the April 16th meeting was approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)
3. Police report

- a. Community Affairs Detective Juan Ventura presented the Compstat report

28 day Compstat report ending April 14, 2019

	2019	2018
Murder	0	0
Rape	0	0
Robbery	8	8
Felony Assault	3	11
Burglary	8	12
Grand Larceny	41	31
Grand Larceny Auto	9	8
Total	69	70

- b. Robo calls scamming people, particularly the elderly, continue to be a problem
- c. Felony assaults are down from last year
- d. The perp was arrested in the incident where the officer was dragged by a car
- e. Myra asked about active shooter training for places of worship in Riverdale and Kingsbridge. Detective Ventura said to have the head of the clergy coalition call

- f. Ed mentioned crackheads begging for change by Chase and Popeyes. They know about this, there's not much they can do.
 - g. We will have 20 new officers in the summer
 - h. A neighborhood resident was scammed on 228th. Her car was stopped, guy said looked like something smoking under the hood. This happened to another woman as well. A police report was filed.
4. FDNY report: no report

5. SLA Renewal Applications

- a. Chipotle Mexican Grill, 193 W. 237th St. No show
- b. Silhouette Restaurant Lounge, 5668 Broadway
 - Miguel Acosta represented the establishment
 - Signatures on applications (SLA renewal and alternation request) did not match. The committee could not vote on these applications until this issue was resolved.
- c. Tilila Bar & Grill, 3648 Bailey Ave.
 - Jose Severino, Manager, represented the establishment
 - No problems at the location, they do not use promoters, it's a family run business with an older clientele
 - Hours of operation: 7 days, 3pm until 4 am
 - Renewal application approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)
- d. Siam Square Thai Cuisine, 564 Kappock St.
 - No problems at the location
 - Hours of operation: 11:30am-3:00pm, 5:00pm-10:00pm
 - Renewal application approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

6. SLA New Application

- a. 5660 Eatery Group, 5676 Broadway
 - Miguel Acosta represented the establishment
 - Proximity to Silhouette may make them subject to the 500 foot rule. This concern will be included in our recommendation to the SLA
 - Bar/tavern, will have whiskey tastings
 - Hours of operation: 2 pm to 2 am. They understand they have to close at 2 for the first year.
 - Owner lives on Kingsbridge Ave., has 7 years experience in the business
 - Scanner for checking IDs
 - New application approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

7. Alteration Application

- a. Silhouette Restaurant Lounge, 5668 Broadway
 - Alteration will increase seating capacity, adding 110 seats (currently 190 seats), increase restroom area, make the establishment ADA compliant
 - Committee withheld approval for this application for alteration. It appears that the two signatures, which are supposed to be the same

person, are two different signatures. The renewal document is not the relevant person's signature

- Chair Donato will communicate with the SLA to see how we should move forward on this.

8. Sidewalk Café Applications

a. Truffa Pizzeria & Wine Room, 3535 Riverdale Ave.

- No problems at this location
- 3 tables, 6 chairs
- Renewal application approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

b. Blackstone Bar & Grill, 3713 Riverdale Ave.

- Renewed twice already. They have the license through next May
- Renewal application approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

9. SAPO Application

a. National Night Out Against Crime

- Date of the event: August 6, 2019.
- Wrong address on the application. The application has street closure on 234th Street between Kingsbridge Ave and Broadway. The correct location is 234th Street between Broadway and Bailey Ave. Det. Ventura will fix it
- Renewal application approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

Meeting adjourned at 8:15

Submitted by Myra Joyce