

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 19, 2014 AT THE  
50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

**PRESENT**

Arlene G. Feldmeier  
Robert Press  
Margaret Donato  
Lamont Parker  
Gary Singleton  
Mercedes Zegarra-Soja  
Herb Young  
Maria Khury  
Robert Bender  
Robert Fanuzzi  
Myra Joyce  
Eddie Molina  
Office Brian Iacovides  
Tom O'Connor  
Feli Holoczyc  
Sabina Shilmak  
Richard Wills  
Neal Garelik  
Gerard Staples  
Margot Perron  
Terry Connaughton  
Alyssa Dodson  
Stephen Nelson

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Gaelic Park  
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The meeting was held at the 50th precinct, and was called to order at 7:11 PM by chair Feldmeier. A quorum was present.

After an introduction of those present the minutes of the May 15th meeting were approved on a motion by G. Singleton, and the vote was 7 - 0 – 1. CB 8 members M. Donato, A. Feldmeier, L. Parker, R. Press, and G. Singleton with Community Committee members M. Joyce and E. Molina in favor, and CB 8 member M. Zegarra-Soja abstaining.

The Chair report included a report on a disturbance that had occurred the previous Sunday night that DI Raza will go into further later. The budget priorities for FY 2016 include a label maker for the 50 Pct., a new auxiliary car to replace the current one with over 200,000 miles, and new uniforms for the explorers of the 50.

There was no Fire Report.

### **Police report by Deputy Inspector Rasa -**

Crime stats 9 rapes this year to date vs. 0 last year to date, domestic type with some arrests. 56 vs. 57 robberies most occurring 5 - 12 PM. 55 vs. 51 felony assaults (with a weapon) 40 arrests. 62 burglaries vs. 60 (residential down, but commercial are up), 152 vs. 164 grand larceny - mostly I-Phone & Identity theft.

DI Rasa warned of skimmers at ATM machines, and that the Chase bank on Riverdale Avenue was hit with one such ATM skimmer. Watch out for any cameras recording you as you punch in your PIN numbers, and the Green Dot money scam by phone.

Accidents 820 vehicle collisions 2014 to date vs. 863 in 2013. 127 injuries vs. 162, 41 pedestrians involved vs. 48, 2 bikes vs. 6, total 169 vs. 212. Over 6,000 parking summonses have been given out so far this year with 3,300 moving violations for a total of over 9,300 summonses. 20 noise complaints with one confiscation of a stereo.

DI Rasa spoke of the complaint Sunday in Van Cortlandt Park where several residents nearby asked about. DI Rasa said that VCP closes at 10 PM, more signs to say that have been put up around the park, but that there were two separate incidents. One was at 1:30 AM on the west side of VCP by the train station, and the other was a parked car further up with a loud noise coming from it. DI Rasa said that similar incidents happened last year at times in certain locations, and he has assigned Sergeant Burns to the park. To date 9 motorcycles have been confiscated, no amplification is allowed in VCP. The pool opens on June 27th where officers are assigned, but that drinking may be happening in the park after dark when questioned. DI Rasa said the best way to call in complaints is to 311. There will be a July 4th concert at the circle.

CB 8 Chair Fanuzzi asked about the 9 rapes, and DI Rasa said that domestic incidents are on the rise in the city between boyfriend/girlfriend, and he will bring the figures to the borough board. There are domestic violence initiatives and all precincts have domestic violence units. DI Rasa mentioned the possibility of prostitution occurring at local motels. He also mentioned the double shooting outside the Raine bar.

### **Liquor license –**

1. Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York, 201 West 240th Street. Mr. Terry Connaughton spoke that the club is open on Sundays from April through November and closes at 10 PM. Saturdays from May through the end of September also closing at 10 PM. The place is also available for parties. The public is invited as long as they pay the admission price, ID checks are at the door, and staff is from other bars in the area that go to work after this place closes at 10 PM. The vote on Gaelic Athletic Association, 201 West 240th Street was unanimous in favor.

**Vote:** 8 in favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

**Board members:** A. Feldmeier, M. Donato, L. Parker, R. Press, G. Singleton, M. Zegarra- Soja,

**Community committee members:** M. Joyce and E. Molina

2. 5686 Restaurant of Riverdale Inc. 5686 Riverdale Avenue was a no show, and was not to be voted on tonight.

The next meeting has been scheduled for July 17th at 7PM, and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Minutes submitted to Chair Feldmeier for any revisions by Vice-Chair Robert Press.