

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2014 AT THE 50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE

ATTENDANCE

Arlene Feldmeier
Robert Press
Margaret Donato
Karen Pesce
Gary Singleton
Herbert Young
Joseph O'Brien
Officer Brian Mindy Ramos
Officer Steven Cordero
Tom O'Connor
Myra Joyce
Andrew Sandler
Eddie Molina
Felix Holoczyc
John Guasloni
Tim Murphy
Charles Barbush
Elizabeth Thompson
Gardenia Slade

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The meeting was held at the 50th Precinct, and was called to order at 7:16 PM by Chair Feldmeier. A quorum was present, and there was an introduction of those present.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved 7 – 0 – 1. Feldmeier, Press, Alexander, O'Brien, Singleton, Joyce, and Molina in favor, M. Donato abstained. Police Report by Community Affairs officers Ramos and Cordero. Officer Cordero went over the Comp Stat report ending 10/5/14 that is attached to the minutes. He reported about a shooting on Sedgwick Avenue, and a possible shooting on West 238th Street. Officer Ramos said that the West 238th Street event was still under investigation to see if it was really a shooting or something else. They mentioned that older cars are being stolen for parts, and went over the Green dot money card scam where people are called that they owe money to a utility, tax department, or to help a relative by purchasing a Green Dot Money Card and giving the numbers on the back rendering the card worthless and the victim out of the money.

The Vision Zero was in the 50 Pct. for two weeks and now has moved on to another Pct., but the 50 is still issuing violations in accordance with the Vision Zero program. A complaint by a resident about the Broadway Corridor above Manhattan College Parkway as to speeding. R. Press spoke of the DOT plan for that Broadway Corridor and asked if there was any improvement. The answers from the resident and officers were that there has been an increase of problems rather than a reduction.

The Chair went to the Fire Department report that was provided by the District Service Cabinet meeting report.

The Chair read from a list of possible sites for meetings, and asked about having meetings outside of the police precinct. Comments included that the precinct is convenient to get to, is in the middle of the community board, is near mass transit, most of those sites are up north in Riverdale, that when liquor licenses are heard applicants may not remember or know to go to a different location, and what does the 50th Precinct think. The consensus of the committee was to keep the meeting at the police precinct with maybe a spring meeting outside the precinct, maybe at the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center.

Liquor Licenses:

- Asian Tokyo, Inc. 4685 Manhattan College Parkway.
Site is the old Lounge that was closed, and where it was attempted to reopen under another family member name. The web site for the Lounge remains up for this location, and the applicant did not appear.
- Villa Ole, Inc. 216 West 242nd Street.
Site is next to or on the same address as the Ibiza Lounge where neighbors have had complaints. The applicant did not show.

Both applications were laid over to the next meeting, and a question of an applicant having to come before the community board was discussed. The State Liquor Authority wants community board input the chair mentioned, and the SLA almost always will listen to the community board.

A question of the Riverdale Garden reopening was not yet answered.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by,

Arlene G. Feldmeier, Chair
Public Safety Committee