

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2016

50 TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE

PRESENT

Joseph O'Brien, Committee Chair CB8 Public Safety Committee
Lenora Croft, CB8 Public Safety Committee
Margaret Donato, CB8 Public Safety Committee
Herb Young, CB8 Public Safety Committee
Myra Joyce, Community Committee Member
David Lynch, Kelly Ryan's
Laura Lynch, Kelly Ryan's
Jason Fenn, Community Resident
Tom O'Connor, Precinct Council
Margaret Della, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Absent: CB8 members Arturo Guzman, Robert Press, Mary Yamagata

Chair O'Brien convened the meeting at 7:10 pm

Public Safety Committee members introduced themselves.

Police Report: presented by Deputy Inspector O'Toole.

There were 2 murders, both stabbings; one in an elevator at 2824 University Avenue, the other in an apartment. Both were perpetrated by acquaintances of the victims. There were 11 robberies, same as last year at this time. Additionally there were 12 felony assaults and 38 grand larcenies. Overall, crime percentages are down.

Community resident Jason Fenn said he had two issues. He said he has witnessed many near miss accidents at 236th Street & Cambridge Ave. Mr. Fenn is requesting an additional stop sign be placed at that intersection. Currently, there is only a north-south stop sign. As this is an issue for Traffic and Transportation, Herb Young volunteered to present it to T&T at the next meeting.

He also said that Key Food is not allowing 13 to 18 year-olds to come into the store without an adult. He said this is sending bad message to kids and doesn't think this is even legal. DI O'Toole said he will look into it.

Tom O'Connor made an announcement about auxiliary police needing paint for graffiti cleanup. He asked if money was available. Chair O'Brien said he would ask if Board money is available. (Chair O'Brien followed up with Councilman Cohen but later found that Auxiliary has paint available for the program.)

Margaret Della from the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, 3101 Kingsbridge Terrace, complained that cars on Kingsbridge Terrace were speeding and going the wrong way on the one-way street. DI O'Toole said will follow up with DOT.

Ms. Della also spoke about the open door policy at the Community Center. She wants to keep the doors open, but at the same time, wants the children inside to be safe. She requested the precinct send someone to do survey of location to increase safety. DI O'Toole said he will.

Liquor license renewal application: Kelly Ryan's at 5790 Mosholu Avenue.

David and Laura Lynch spoke about their establishment. The previous SLA application never arrived apparently due to theft. They were operating with a temporary license. DI O'Toole said the police had no problems with the establishment.

The vote for approval of the Liquor License was approved unanimously. (Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Donato, Herb Press, Lenora Croft, and Myra Joyce, Community Committee Member)

DI O'Toole stated that there is a lot of mailbox fishing going on, part of a nationwide problem where mail is 'fished' from a mailbox. Mailboxes are being fitted with grates to block the slot to prevent this. It's not a perfect fix though. DI O'Toole said arrests had been made and Margaret Della said the KHCC was victimized.

A school play street program, closing streets at schools for children's safety, is being formalized with Visitation the first to be considered.

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

Joseph O'Brien, Chair
Public Safety Committee