

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 17, 2019  
50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE  
(pending approval)**

**PRESENT**

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

**AFFILIATION**

CB8 Public Safety Committee (Chair)  
CB8 Public Safety Committee (Vice Chair)  
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**Guests:** Diana Rueda (Welcome to the Family Coffee Shop), Norberto Farciert (LaJoya Restaurant), Richard Berroa (Claudy's Gourmet), Nick Fazio (CB8), Thomas Doddato, Kenia Castillo (Tin Marin), Henry Gonzalez, Rob Spalter (BCA), Tara McMaster (BCA), Laura Spalter (BCA), Rosemary Ginty (CB8)

Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Committee members introduced themselves.**
2. **Approval of minutes from November 19, 2019 meeting**  
Approve: 5 (M Donato M Joyce, E Green, J Townes, D Escaño)  
Against: 0  
Abstain: 0
3. **Police Report presented by Community Affairs Officer Ralph Cintron**

**28 day Compstat report ending December 15, 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Murder	0	0
Rape	1	1
Robbery	12	9
Felony Assault	11	11
Burglary	6	9
Grand Larceny	41	34
Grand Larceny Auto	10	4
Total	81	68

4. **Fire Report (none)**
5. **SLA Application Renewals**
  - a. Welcome to the Family Coffee Shop, 219 West 230<sup>th</sup> Street

One problem, 5 months ago, that started outside the coffee shop was noted. The issue was brought into the shop and the precinct was called to resolve the matter.

Hours are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Approve: 5 (M Donato, M Joyce, E Green, J Townes, D Escaño)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## 6. New SLA Applications

### a. Claudy Gourmet - Richard

Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for lunch and dinner

34 seats, 5 tables, 4 seats by window

For security they have 11 cameras (seating area, kitchen area, down in basement)

It was stated this is a family-friendly, affordable, quick bite restaurant

Owners live in Riverdale, in the community, so they are sensitive to local issues.

Committee member Escaño noted there was no signature on the application.

Applicant will come into the CB8 office with a signed version.

The vote for approval is contingent upon receipt of a correctly signed application

Approve: 5 (M Donato, M Joyce, E Green, J Townes, D Escaño)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

### b. Lajoya Restaurant Group Inc, 5786 Mosholu Avenue

Norberto Farciert representing

Principle owned a Mexican restaurant in the East Bronx

Stated hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will close early on Sundays

They expect to have a weekend brunch

Committee member Townes noted that the name of the restaurant on the form is incorrect. Mr. Farciert was advised that we need an updated form with the correct name of the restaurant

Approval is contingent upon submission of a corrected application to the CB8 office,

Approve: 5 (M Donato, M Joyce, E Green, J Townes, D Escaño)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## 7. Renewal of Sidewalk Café

Tin Marin Bar & Lounge, 3708 Riverdale Avenue

There have been no issues at the location

This is an established restaurant that has been at the location for many years.

Approve: 5 (M Donato, M Joyce, E Green, J Townes, D Escaño)

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

## 8. Miscellaneous/New Business

Laura Spalter, representing the Broadway Community Alliance was present to discuss the proposed usage of Van Cortlandt Park Parade Grounds for a **3-day music festival** scheduled for **June 5, 6, and 7, 2020**. The hours of the festival are **11:45 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**

The operators are projecting **50,000 people per day** in attendance. (66 acts, 4 bandstands, 3 days)

Construction and breakdown will make the Parade Grounds and parking along Broadway from Manhattan College Parkway to 252<sup>nd</sup> Street inaccessible for 18 days

Ms. Spalter and other members of the Broadway Community Alliance stated that this whole scheme is an assault on the quality of life for residents and will be taking parkland during a busy time of park use. Additionally, this event poses a public safety risk that will cause traffic, gridlock, and impossibly crowded public transportation.

According to the plans for this event, alcohol and food will be sold on the premises. Attendees are not allowed to bring in food or to go in and out of the venue. This is not going to help neighborhood businesses as they claim.

As of the time of this meeting they do not yet have a Parks Department permit. As a matter fact, the Parks Department denied approval of a permit. The promoter went to Parks Committee last week and to CB8 gallery session at last week. At this time, they have Randall's Island, but they want to do it in VCP.

CB8 Chair Rosemary Ginty believes this issue should be centered in the Parks Committee. Tara McMaster stated that attendees will be parking in side streets and that Horace Mann uses VCP fields.

Laura Spalter stated that she will be in touch with elected officials, Horace Mann, Manhattan College, and posting on Facebook.

Ms. Ginty stated that the Community Board office was never notified about it. She said we (Public Safety Committee) should write a memo to the Parks & Recreation Committee that we are opposed to it. Ms. Ginty also stated that we are not going to go by their timetable.

Ms. Ginty will write to elected officials and asked Public Safety Committee Chair Donato to send strong letter to Bender opposing this event.

Ms. Spalter said VCP is covered by three Community Boards, they only came to CB8, they have not gone to the other CBs. Ms. Ginty will have Ciara call CB12 and CB7.

It was also pointed out by Chair Donato that such a large gathering poses a Homeland Security nightmare.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Myra Joyce, Reviewed by Chair Margaret Donato