

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 AT THE 50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE

#### ATTENDANCE

Arlene G. Feldmeier  
Robert Press  
Sylvia Alexander  
Margaret Donato  
Joseph O'Brien  
Herb Young  
Myra Joyce  
Officer Ramos  
Proprietor  
Resident

#### AFFILIATION

Committee Chair  
Committee Vice Chair  
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community committee member  
50<sup>th</sup> Precinct  
Bunny Deli  
Irwin Avenue

Chair Feldmeier called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. Those present introduced themselves, and a quorum was present. With no April minutes yet issued, they were tabled until the next meeting.

The Chair reported that this meeting date was properly changed, to one day before the full community board meeting, so that if necessary, the full board could vote on a resolution the next night, to forward to the State Liquor Authority regarding the liquor license for Raine Lounge on West 238<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that Raine Lounge owners were invited to the May meeting, but did not attend. Discussion began with 50 Pct. Community Affairs Officer M. Ramos stating that Raine Lounge was closed two weeks earlier by the NYPD for nuisance abatement. According to Officer Ramos, several city agencies cited Raine Lounge after a recent shooting inside. Officer Ramos then discussed the Com-Stat report ending the week of May 5, 2015 (attached). There was a discussion of a rape inside a Manhattan College dorm. She stated that a suspect is in custody.

#### Liquor Licenses - Renewal

Loeser's Kosher Deli 214 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street. The chair spoke in favor of the renewal, stating that the owner contacted the Community Board office stating that he was unable to attend. She also stated that this is a well-established business, and that Police have reported no problems there. Siam Kitchen Inc. 564-566 Kappock Street, No show.

#### Liquor Licenses – New

Sandwedge Grille Inc. 3751 Jerome Avenue. No show.

Bunny Deli Inc. 228 West 231<sup>st</sup> Street. The new owner appeared and explained that her establishment is in the former Cold Cut City. She stated that the former establishment did not sell beer, which the new owner wants to sell. Store will close at 10 PM. Her previous business was a deli on 186<sup>th</sup> Street and St. Nicholas Avenue.

The committee discussed the Special April meeting, during which discussion about Raine Lounge, The Bridge and Fenwick's was tabled for further information. Raine Lounge applied for a liquor license on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 2014. During the Special meeting, the Raine owners who said they were planning to become a family restaurant with a changed menu. The chair mentioned an earlier incident in which Police said Raine Lounge patrons went outside to an adjacent parking lot and a shooting occurred. Raine owners, however, denied that those involved were their customers. On March 28, 2015, according to police, a shooting took place inside Raine

Lounge. The chair reported that the March 28<sup>th</sup> incident remained under investigation by the police department. She mentioned a May 20<sup>th</sup> SLA deadline for Raine to submit evidence, with a hearing to be held thereafter, on an, as yet, unannounced date. According to Officer Ramos, police have been called to Raine Lounge at least 10 times since it opened less than 3 years ago.

The chair read a resolution about the Raine Lounge for tomorrow night's full board meeting:

**Whereas**, Raine Lounge, a tavern/cocktail lounge, located at 170 West 233<sup>rd</sup> Street, Bronx, New York, has operated in Bronx Community Board 8 for approximately 3 years and

**Whereas**, on March 28, 2015, Raine Lounge was the scene of a shooting inside the facility, following an altercation between patrons and

**Whereas**, a prior shooting in an adjacent parking lot involved Raine Lounge patrons, according to a 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct investigation and

**Whereas**, Raine Lounge has been cited for unlicensed security and

**Whereas**, the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct reports that they have been called to Raine Lounge more than 10 times,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that following a unanimous 7-0-0 vote of the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee, and a \_\_\_\_\_ vote by the full Community Board, Bronx Community Board 8 urges the New York State Liquor Authority to revoke the Raine Lounge liquor license.

Board members - A. Feldmeier, R. Press, S. Alexander, M. Donato, J. O'Brien, H. Young, and Community Committee Member M. Joyce in favor.

The vote on liquor licenses was as follows – Siam Kitchen and Sandwedge Grill tabled to the next meeting.

Loeser's Deli and Bunny Deli 7 -0- 0 in favor:

Board members - A. Feldmeier, R. Press, S. Alexander, M. Donato, J. O'Brien, H. Young, and Community Committee Member M. Joyce in favor.

#### **New Business-**

A citizen complaint of slow response time to non-emergency issues in April and May 2015, including a car blocking a driveway and noise complaints were given to the 50 to investigate, but the committee was told that non-emergency 311 calls are low priority and sometimes depending on the time of day and other priorities, calls may take more than one hour to answer. 311 calls are bumped as 911 calls come in, and only one sector car may be available for all calls.

A former bar that police closed, on Broadway and West 242<sup>nd</sup> Street had reopened as a deli. An audience member informed the committee that the establishment has now re-opened as a family deli.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Arlene G. Feldmeier, Chair,  
and Robert Press Vice-Chair