

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 19TH, 2015 AT THE 50TH POLICE PRECINCT,
3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

ATTENDANCE

Robert Press
Sylvia Alexander
Margaret Donato
Joseph O'Brien
Herb Young
Myra Joyce
Andrew Sandler
Tom O'Connor
R. Candelario
G. Sanchez
G. Tsikis
Sgt. Bypres 50 PCT.
Lt. J. Foder 50 PCT.

AFFILIATION

Committee Vice Chair
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community committee member
Office of Councilman Cohen

Acapella Restaurant
Acapella Restaurant
Dale Dinner

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Vice-Chair R. Press, who explained that he would be conducting the meeting since the chair was out of town. There was an introduction of those present, and a quorum was present.

The Vice-Chair report was on a conversation he had with Bronx Borough Commander Nikunen at an event. Vice-Chair Press asked the borough commander since Deputy Inspector Rasa has been commander of the 50th Precinct for close to two years, how soon will DI Rasa be transferred to another post or position. Bronx Borough Commander Nikunen replied that DI Rasa is doing a fine job at the 50, and should be there at least another year.

Police Report – Lt Foder reported on a fatal accident that happened at the corner of Broadway and West 225th Street. This corner is to included in the mayors Vision Zero Program. He reported on the noise situation on Waldo Avenue around Fenwick's Bar. There have been ongoing sweeps of local bars for various reasons, which have resulted in several violations. Lt. Foder was vague as the operation continuing, and to not alert any violating establishments. One business that was given violations was Fenwick's for underage drinking and being above capacity with only one exit.

Vice-Chair Press informed Lt. Foder that there were reports of antics around the Johnson Avenue/ West 235th Street area again by exiting students from RKA as in the past. VC Press also asked about the rash of robberies of businesses recently. Lt. Foder said that a car was pulled over on Johnson Avenue for failure to signal, whereas drugs, burglar tools, and a glove were found in the car. The DNA on the

glove was compared to other DNA found, and arrest were made. The robberies have also stopped.

There was no fire report.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved as written by a vote of 6 – 0 – 0 by Committee members R. Press, S. Alexander, M. Donato, J. O'Brien, H. Young, and Community Committee Member, M. Joyce.

Liquor Licenses -

Renewal – Mr. McGoos 5602 Broadway was a no show for the 2nd time.

New - Louies Dale Diner (new Owner), owned a diner in West Hempstead Lantern Diner. No name change, bought from owner who was ill. Beer and wine only, and will proof patrons.

Acapella Gourmet Pizza and Restaurant, 124 West 238th Street. Husband and wife who own tax preparers office next door. Beer and Wine only – said no food for blocks, and wants to give the area good food. 7 – 10 tables and counter. Projected 3 – 4 bottles of wine, and 20 bottles of beer in sales per day. Hours 9 AM – Midnight. Will also have delivery, no beer or wine.

A discussion of the proposed notice of a hearing of a liquor license by an applicant to be posted on two poles outside the business took place after the draft was passed around. The only comment was if it was allowed by the sanitation department. There is a law that fines anyone who posts on city owned poles \$75.00 per posting. Vice Chair Press advised that the chair has already gotten the approval from the Department of Sanitation as long as it is a community board sponsored posting. Matter to be moved to the executive board.

Liquor License votes-

- Mr. McGoos – 5602 Broadway - no vote since applicant did not show for second time.

Committee vote – New applications:

- (Louies) Dale Diner, 189 West 231st Street
- Acapella Gourmet Pizza & Restaurant Corp., 124 West 238th Street

Vote - In favor: 6 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0

In favor- R. Press, S. Alexander, M. Donato, J. O'Brien, H. Young, and Community Committee member M. Joyce.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Robert Press