

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8, BRONX
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
(Pending Committee Approval)
FEBRUARY 18, 2016
50th POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Margaret Donato
Joseph O'Brien, Committee Chair
Robert Press
Mary Yamagata
Myra Joyce

AFFILIATION

CB8 Public Safety Committee
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Community Committee Member

ABSENT: Arturo Guzman, Herb Young, Lenora Croft

GUESTS:

Steve Ring
Wendy Reyna
Tom O'Connor
Battalion Chief Paul Jirak

Van Cortlandt Golf Course
Caribbean Grill
Precinct Council
FDNY BN-27

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Chair Joseph O'Brien

Members introduced themselves

Captain O'Toole gave the 50th Precinct Police Report

- All compared to last 30 days:
 - 1 rape, down 1
 - 12 vs 10 bank robberies
 - 8 vs 5 felony assault
 - Grand larceny is down by 2 over last month
 - 4 vs 5 grand larceny auto
 - The 50th Precinct is up 8 crimes for the year

- In response to a question Captain O'Toole replied that the precinct is not in the Vizion Zero zone.

FDNY Report given by Battalion Chief Paul Jirak

- Year to date compared with corresponding period in 2015:
 - Responses down from 559 to 537 this year.
 - Structural fires up 11%: 28 to 31.
 - Numbers are relatively unchanged for non-structural fires.

- Chief Jirak stated that Battalion 27 encompasses CB 7 and CB 8

- Bob Press asked if they are still getting gas leaks reported. Chief Jirak replied that responses have gone up tremendously, mostly due to a greater awareness of the issue.

Liquor License Renewal

- Van Cortlandt Golf Course, represented by Steve Ring
 - No incidents or problems this year.
 - One burglary last year.
 - Café opens at sun-up, closes at sundown, usually between 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Mr. Ring said that while the cafe opens early, alcohol is only served during legal hours.

Application for renewal was unanimously approved (Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Donato, Robert Press, Mary Yamagata, Myra Joyce).

New Beer and Wine License

- Caribbean Grill, represented by Wendy Reyna, new owner
 - Located in the Van Cortlandt Motel at 6393 Broadway, next door to Riverdale Manor restaurant is open 6:30am until 8:00pm.
 - Robert Press expressed concern that the residents of Riverdale Manor would come in for drinks.
 - Ms. Reyna is taking over as a new owner and she had not been working there previously under the former owner.
 - Capacity is two 4-chair tables, two two-chair tables and four counter seats
 - Tom O'Connor asked about her experience selling alcohol. Ms. Reyna stated that she has none. She was asked if she has a scanner for IDs. She replied that doesn't have a scanner. Upon the recommendation of the committee she will obtain a scanner.

Application was unanimously approved (Joseph O'Brien, Margaret Donato, Robert Press, Mary Yamagata, Myra Joyce).

There was no new or old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Submitted by:
Joseph O'Brien, Chair
Public Safety Committee