

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MAY 18, 2017
50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Mary Yamagata
Margaret Donato
Diego Santiago
Myra Joyce

Tom O'Connor
Joe Crotty
Jay Travaglini
Iselito Severino
Antoya Williams

Ernest Carofa
Joshua Stephenson
Kate Mehl
Chris Doherty

AFFILIATION

CB8 Public Safety Committee (Vice Chair)
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Community Committee Member

Precinct Council
Fenwick's
Fenwick's
Tilia Bar & Grill
Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement
Association
Fenwick's
Councilman Cohen's Office
Community Resident
Keenan's

Absent: Joseph O'Brien, Shalva Gozland, Diomarys Escaño, Diego Santiago, Lenora Croft

Vice Chair Mary Yamagata led the meeting and called it to order at 7:10pm
A quorum was not present. Approval of the minutes of the April meeting will be held over to June.

Police report presented by Detective Inspector O'Toole
28 day CompStat report ending May 14.

	2017	2016
Murder	0	2
Rape	2	0
Robbery	7	11
Felony Assault	13	12
Burglary	7	4
Grand Larceny	57	38
Grand Larceny Auto	6	4
Total	92	71

- Additional resources provided to the precinct enabled 4 Grand Larceny arrests for car break-ins.
- DI O'Toole advised residents to be careful when using ATMs. Skimmer devices on ATMs are again a problem throughout the whole city.
- Car break-ins are also on the rise. O'Toole emphasized the need to lock your car, take your keys and remove packages, etc. from your car.
- DI O'Toole said that new cameras were placed along Sedgwick Avenue at Reservoir, University and Eames Avenues. Councilman Cohen's office approved \$100,000 for more cameras.

Antoya Williams of the Kingsbridge Heights Neighborhood Improvement Association asked about speed bumps on Clafin Avenue. She was advised that it is being looked at. DI O'Toole doesn't know if or when they will be installed.

Liquor Licenses

Due to the absence of a quorum it was decided that the applicants could present their requests and those requests will be presented at the full Board meeting for approval.

New Liquor License

Spanglish, 6697 Broadway

- Gino Pacheco representing
- It is a currently abandoned location, they are renovating to bar/restaurant
- Owner of Spanglish has 2 other community oriented bar/restaurants in Norwood with no issues
- They are completely on board with the first year 2 am closing policy

License Renewals

Tilia, 3658 Bailey Avenue

- Ioselito Severino representing
- Family restaurant that has been at the location for 2 years. The owners also own Tin Marin on Riverdale Avenue
- DI O'Toole said this place is quiet. It is next door to a troublesome that has been complained about in the past.

Keenan's, 5588 Broadway at 231st St.

- Joe Doherty representing
- Keenan's is a neighborhood bar that has been in the community for many years
- DI O'Toole stated that there have been no problems at the location
- Mr. Doherty is an active member of the BID

Chipotle Mexican Grill and Piyawan Thai Kitchen (Siam Square Thai Cuisine) did not appear before the committee.

Miscellaneous Business

DI O'Toole introduced Lopez and Huang who are new officers at the Police Academy. As part of their training they spend time in the Precinct to which they will be assigned, then return to the Academy to complete their training, and then will come back to the Precinct as officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Myra Joyce