

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 BRONX**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2020  
MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
(Pending Approval)**

**PRESENT**

<b>Edward Green (Chair)</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee
<b>Myra Joyce (Vice Chair)</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee
<b>Nick Fazio</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee
<b>Ted Morris</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee
<b>Margaret Donato</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee
<b>Georgia Santiago</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee
<b>Jyll Townes</b>	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee members absent: Eider Garcia, Donnell Leverett

Guests: David Lindsay (Kingsbridge Social Club), Edward Christ (Bronx Post 95), Iricelis Vargas (El Economico), Diomary Escaño-Bell, Captain Girven, Kathryn Brohier (Kingsbridge BID), Anthe Maria Bova, Samuel Liedtka, Meghan Cawley (Jake's Steakhouse), Audrey Bleier, Araceli, Max Javier, Adelfi Reyes (Tulum Restaurant), Eli Garcia, Gerardo Pacheco (Spanglish)

Chair Edward Green called the meeting to order at 7:06pm

**1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests**

**2. Approval of Public Safety Committee Minutes: November 17, 2020**

Approve in favor: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

**3. NYPD Report presented by Officer Conejo (Captain Melendez was out sick)**

**Compstat Report**

	28 Day-Ending 12/6/2020		
	2020	2019	% Chg
Murder	0	0	
Rape	1	0	
Robbery	8	16	
Fel. Assault	13	10	
Burglary	16	8	
Gr. Larceny	41	45	
G.L.A.	6	8	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>-2.3</b>

- Burglaries, domestic violence up.
- Apprehensions 3 on thefts.

- Question was asked about the young girls who disappeared from the facility in Fieldston. All 4 were found the next day (1 in Brooklyn. 3 in Newark)
- Question raised about the street vendors on Broadway. What is the 50<sup>th</sup> doing to make sure they are legit and following rules? There are vendors with multiple tables or tables that are too long. Captain Girven said Dept of Consumer Affairs enforces that, unless someone makes complaint, then the NCO will respond. Officers do not take it upon themselves to police the vendors unless someone complains.
- Officer Cesar Sala said they have given multiple summonses to the vendor at 230<sup>th</sup> and Bway, but the fine is “a drop in the bucket” to them.

Chair brought up some issues:

- Stolen license plates – DMV is closed so the issue cannot be resolved and the owner of the vehicle is getting tickets. Requests to DMV via-mail takes up to 6 weeks. Resident is asking if the tickets can be stopped. Captain said they are reopening DMV for certain things and suggested if someone's plates were stolen they should get a lost or stolen receipt report and put it in their vehicle under the windshield next to the registration sticker. Any Ticket Agent that sees this receipt should leave the vehicle alone without issuing it a ticket; however, that is subjective to the discretion of the Ticket Agent, not department policy.
- Packages being stolen from some buildings on Johnson Ave. What can be done, and what is being done? Arrest made in one of those burglaries.

## **5. NYS Liquor Authority → RENEWAL APPLICATIONS**

El Economico (5589 Broadway)

Iricelis Vargas, representing

No complaints or issues at that location

Vote in favor to approve

In favor: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Kingsbridge Social Club (3625 Kingsbridge Avenue)

David Lindsay, representing

No issues at that location

Vote in favor to approve

In favor: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Spanglish (6697 Broadway)

Geraldo Pacheco, representing

Vote in favor to approve

In favor: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Bronx Post 95 War Veterans (3960 Orloff Ave.)

Edward Christ, representing

No problems or issues at that location

They have been at that location for decades

Vote in favor to approve

In favor: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Jakes Steakhouse (6031 Broadway)

Megan Cawley, Manager, representing.

Vote in favor to approve

In favor: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

## **6. NYS Liquor Authority → NEW APPLICATIONS**

Tulum Restaurant & Lounge (5625-2 Broadway)

Adelfi Reyes representing

Committee decided to table the application until next months meeting, pending more information about the establishment: Owner was unable to satisfactorily answer questions posed to him by the Committee. He didn't appear to understand what we were asking re: security.

In favor of tabling: 7 (E. Green, M. Joyce, N. Fazio, T. Morris, M. Donato, G. Santiago, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Georgia S. commented that in the neighborhood we are already overwhelmed with bars.

## **7. Old Business**

Update -- Re meeting about legislation with street racing. Moving forward, but still uncertain whether the legislation will pass and how enforceable it is.

## **8. New Business**

None.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes submitted by Myra Joyce, reviewed by Chair, Ed Green.