

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2019  
50<sup>TH</sup> POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE  
(pending approval)**

**PRESENT**

Margaret Donato  
Myra Joyce  
Edward Green  
Diomarys Escaño

**AFFILIATION**

CB8 Public Safety Committee (Chair)  
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Committee members absent: Jyll D. Townes

Guests: Daniel Hammerman (Hudson Manor Terrace Corp.), Charlotte Hammerman, Journet Camargo (resident), Barbara Velez (resident), Toni Butler (resident), Marie Shantle (resident), Mark Sternhell (Ember Restaurant), Robert Callahan (Ember Restaurant), David Gellman (CB8)

Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. Members of the committee introduced themselves
2. Minutes for May & June were approved unanimously (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño)
3. Police report

**a. 28 day Compstat report ending September 15, 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
Murder	0	3
Rape	1	0
Robbery	14	11
Felony Assault	16	8
Burglary	20	6
Grand Larceny	46	44
Grand Larceny Auto	7	17
Total	104	89

- b. Shooting arrest at 231<sup>st</sup> and Kingsbridge Ave. the person was in a gang, but the shooting was not gang-related.
- c. Last month crime was up. This was due to an increase in property crime.
- d. Felony assaults were up, included 2 shootings. Both were gang related and arrest were made in both.
- e. Burglaries are down.
- f. Car break-ins continue to be an issue. 1/3 of the grand larcenies are auto related incidents. This area is a magnet for car break-ins because people here have nice cars and money. An individual who was breaking into cars was arrested. Since this individual was apprehended, there have been only 2 break-ins in 2 weeks.

- g. Robberies are up because perpetrators are threatening security people in the stores.
- h. Under new sentencing guideline, judges are required to release.
- i. The 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct has 5 new officers.

Ms Donato noted noise complaints on Cannon Place They are now coming from inside the park. People are partying in the triangle on Fridays and the weekend. People need to call 311. Most of the noise is coming from Fort Independence, not Cannon Place.

Resident asked about drug sales in precinct. Captain Melendez said the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct area is a stash area, not a sales area.

Parilla Restaurant continues to cause problems. There was a double slashing there on Saturday night. We will investigate what type of liquor license they hold, as well as other permits at that location. The 50<sup>th</sup> is building an action against the club.

Resident spoke about 239<sup>th</sup> to 235<sup>th</sup> and Hudson Manor Terrace. Speeding along that stretch. She additionally spoke about double triple parking by MS141. This occurs mostly between 7:30 and 8am and at 2:30. Captain Melendez stated that he will contact traffic agents.

Mr. Hammerman said that cars are blocking the garage, so people cannot get out of garage. Again, Captain Melendez stated he will send someone out, but he cannot provide constant surveillance

The presence of a food truck on Johnson Ave was noted. Captain Melendez noted that they are compliant, they have a permit. As long as they have customers they are going to stay there.

- 4. Fire report: No report from the FDNY
- 5. No one from FDNY Community Affairs appeared.
- 6. SLA New Applications
  - a. Ember, 5693 Riverdale Ave. Primarily an upscale Kosher restaurant. The Principal, Michael Kelly did not appear. No vote was taken.
- 7. SLA Renewal Applications
  - a. Khalle Bar & Grill, 3638 Bailey Avenue  
No problems noted. Captain Melendez stated that there were no issues.  
Approval of the renewal was unanimous (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño)
  - b. Land and Sea, 5535 Broadway.  
No representative appeared, no vote was taken.
  - c. Palace of Japan, 3505 Johnson Ave.  
No issues at the location  
Approval of the renewal was unanimous (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño)
- 8. Miscellaneous Business
  - Marie Shantle brought a petition requesting a traffic camera at Kappock and Johnson Ave. She was informed that this location is not near a school so they will not put in a traffic camera.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Submitted by Myra Joyce, Vice Chair  
Reviewed by Margaret Donato, Chair