

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2019
50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE
(pending approval)**

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Margaret Donato	CB8 Public Safety Committee (Chair)
Myra Joyce	CB8 Public Safety Committee (Vice Chair)
Edward Green	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Jyll D. Townes	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee members absent: Diomarys Escañó

Guests: Mairleni Franco (Blissful Kreations), Magdalena Dominguez (Montezuma Restaurant), Crystal Rogers (CERT Bx8), Charles Keyes (CERT Bx8), Rita Pochter Lowe (CERT Bx8), Joseph E. Gordon, Rani Varwani, Urie Stein, David Gellman, Chris Bearch, Sandra A. Nazagasti, Carmen De La Rosa

Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:08

- 1. Committee members introduced themselves.**
- 2. Approval of minutes from October 30, 2019 meeting**
Approve: M Donato M Joyce, E Green
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
- 3. Police Report presented by Community Affairs Officer Ralph Cintron**
Played a video about scams
Stressed that everyone lock their doors, apartment/home and lock their cars, especially during holidays.

28 day Compstat report ending November 17, 2019

	2019	2018
Murder	0	1
Rape	0	1
Robbery	7	12
Felony Assault	8	10
Burglary	7	7
Grand Larceny	56	34
Grand Larceny Auto	11	10
Total	80	75

Committee member Ed Green asked about scams – identity theft, check duplicating. Asked if this is common.

Officer Cintron said these thieves alter checks. He said there are pens that cannot be washed off a check. Pens can be purchased at Staples. These are “Uniball 207”

Scammers get info from social media. Make sure you check your privacy settings.
Committee member Jyll Townes asked about a burglary on Netherland Ave. Officer Cintron gave info about a Nov. 10 incident where the resident was home. There was no camera to record the incident.

Ed commented about homeless at 242nd St. Melendez got them out, but they are back. Officer Cintron said they do sweeps. Latest location was near Yonkers. District 3 is responsible for the trains.

4. Fire Report presented by Chris Bearch

Holiday inspections start on the weekend after Thanksgiving. FDNY does commercial inspections and common areas of residential buildings.

There was a fire on 240th St first week of November.

5. CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) presentation

a. Gave overview of CERT

10 week training: Fire safety, search and rescue, terrorism response.

Anyone can join CERT

“Go Bags”

Everyone in the family should have a Go Bag, including pets. Information was distributed including a book that lists everything that should be in the bag. Make sure to have copies of important documents: passport, birth certificate, medical info, a week’s worth of medications, whistle or bell. Keep documents in a waterproof container. It’s all about grab and go. Keep the bag in an accessible area.

6. SLA Application Renewals

a. The BBQ Pit, 5788 Mosholu Ave.

No problems have been reported at this location.

Approve: M Donato, M Joyce, E Green, J Townes

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

b. Montezuma Restaurant, 119 W. Kingsbridge Road

No problems at the premises. Chair Donato stated that her understanding is that use of hookah is not being approved. The applicant was advised that the SLA might reject that part of the application .

Approve: M Donato, M Joyce, E Green, J Townes

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

7. New SLA Applications

a. Blissful Kreations, 6661 Broadway

Owner, Mairene Franco brought photos of the location and set-ups for events.

She stated that this establishment is solely for events like weddings, sweet sixteens, showers, etc. This is not a bar where people come in off the street..

Last call is 1:00 a.m. and they will close at 2:00 a.m. From 1 to 2 will be to clean up.

They expect events to be held mostly on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Max capacity is 74

Non-amplified music

Clientele by word of mouth, family owned.

Bartender is included in their event package. They have their own, on-site licensed bartender, no bartenders from outside the establishment will be allowed to serve. Lt. Hines stated he has reservations about this establishment.

When this place came before the committee last month, Captain Melendez said he had reservations. Committee member Ed Green suggested we vote contingent upon what we hear from Captain Melendez.

Vote in favor: E Green, M Joyce

Opposed: M Donato

Abstain: J Townes

Approval does not pass.

8. Request for night permit, December 31, 2019

Silhouette Lounge, 5668 Broadway

No one from Silhouette appeared. Captain Melendez had stated previously that he doesn't want any overnight requests approved.

In favor: 0

Opposed: M Donato, E Green, M Joyce, J Townes

Abstain: 0

Approval does not pass.

9. Corporate Change

Pizzeria Supreme (application was held over because information was missing)

They sent the information that was requested to the Board office.

Approval: M Donato, E Green, M Joyce

Opposed: J Townes

10. Miscellaneous Business

Carmen de la Rosa, Assemblywoman from Marble Hill, Inwood, came to introduce herself.

Chair Donato suggested she call board office to introduce herself at the full board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30

Submitted by Myra Joyce, Reviewed by Chair Margaret Donato