

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 BRONX

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2020 MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM (pending approval)

PRESENT

Edward Green (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Myra Joyce (Vice Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Diomarys Escaño	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Nick Fazio	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Ted Morris	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Margaret Donato	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Donnell Leverett	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Georgia Santiago	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Committee members absent: Eider Garcia, Louis Lopez, Jyll Townes

Guests: Anil Ahmed (Neem), Efrain Farciert, Esteban, Jimmy, Alma C, Arelia Taveras (Yokomo), Fran Hage, Joel Gelinas, Melendez, Orlando Ovalles, Jason Farciert, Juan Castillo (Bani), Chris Arriaga,

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: September 15, 2020
All in favor – Unanimously approved.
3. NYPD Report presented by Captain Emelio Melendez

Compstat Report

	28 Day-Ending 10/18/2020		
	2020	2019	% Chg
Murder	0	0	
Rape	1	2	
Robbery	8	6	
Fel. Assault	11	11	
Burglary	15	5	
Gr. Larceny	42	34	
G.L.A.	12	5	
TOTAL	89	63	+41.3

- Incidence of Grand Larceny Autos doubled over this time last year.
- Burglaries are 3 times higher from this time last year
- There were 2 robberies today. One in Albany Houses and the other in a commercial establishment

- The mailbox at 236th & Johnson has been compromised. Perpetrator is on video putting a camera in the box to see what's in it, then comes back with string and glue.
- Chair Ed Green spoke about having a meeting re noise and possible legislation. He asked Captain Melendez if he has any suggestions. As far as noise on the street it's a very hard thing to enforce.
- Amazon packages are being stolen city-wide.
- PS Committee member Margaret Donato spoke about an intrusion in 3424 Kingsbridge Ave. at neighbor's door. Person said they have a food delivery and wanted her to open door, she wouldn't and he said she owes money. He left, but residents need to be made aware that this scam is happening.
- Ms. Donato also spoke about a gray car on Broadway looks like it's been in a crash. Been there for months and is an eyesore. Captain Melendez stated that the police lots are full and therefore must wait until there's space to put the vehicle.

4. FDNY Report (no FDNY representative)

5. NYS Liquor Authority → RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

Riverdale Gourmet (3543 Riverdale Avenue) – Representative did not appear.

Frankie's Tavern (5670 Mosholu Avenue) – formerly Mr. Vigg's

Fran Hage

We never got an application

Margaret said they appeared before us before

Vote to approve contingent upon receiving the application in good order:

In favor: 8 (E. Green, M. Donato, M. Joyce, D. Escaño, G. Santiago, T. Morris, N. Fazio, D. Leverett)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Plaza Bani Food Corp (3001 Kingsbridge Terrace)

Juan Castillo representing

Mistakenly checked yes that they are within 500 feet of another bar. The Board office will contact the owner to correct the application.

Melendez stated there were no issues at the location. He cautioned that young kids in the area. If they are caught selling to minors they will receive a citation.

Vote for approval:

In favor: 8 (E. Green, M. Donato, M. Joyce, D. Escaño, G. Santiago, T. Morris, N. Fazio, D. Leverett)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Dale Diner (189 W. 231st Street) Representative did not appear.

Yokomo (216 West 242 Street)

Aurelia T and Urbano Esteves (partner Hernandez)

Melendez – nothing, no problems

In favor of approval: 8 (E. Green, M. Donato, M. Joyce, D. Escaño, G. Santiago, T. Morris, N. Fazio, D. Leverett)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

6025 Broadway Restaurant Corp (6025 Broadway, Santa Fe Restaurant)

Efraim Faciert representing

Public Safety Committee was only informed about this application the day before the meeting.

The committee does not have the application.

Vote to approve the application contingent upon receipt of the completed application.

In favor: 8 (E. Green, M. Donato, M. Joyce, D. Escaño, G. Santiago, T. Morris, N. Fazio, D. Leverett)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

6. NYS Liquor Authority → NEW APPLICATIONS

Neem Indian Cuisine, Inc. (3549 Johnson Avenue)

Anil Ahmed representing

Took over from Cumin – same family, reopening under new name, and took over lease.

Will do outdoor seating and 25% indoor seating.

Hours until 10:30pm, but the 2am closing agreement still has to be signed.

Vote to approve:

In favor: 8 (E. Green, M. Donato, M. Joyce, D. Escaño, G. Santiago, T. Morris, N. Fazio, D. Leverett)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Old Business

Georgia Santiago had a question about the noise at Marble Hill. Called 311 about the noise at 2:30am, can go until 3am. Melendez said noise complaints are at the bottom of the priority list.

Cameras – where are they going? Melendez said there are 2 cameras: 230th and Broadway and 230th and Godwin Terrace.

A resident of Marble Hill spoke about:

People parking at the entrance to the Broadway bridge on the south side. Also MetroNorth took about 20 parking spaces. Melendez says they've been issuing summonses over there. Problem is there are lots of delis, people picking up food. Also people are selling pot.

Motorcycle parked on the sidewalk. Bike is all covered up, has lots of tickets. Saw a young child pull on cover – what would have happened if motorcycle fell on child. Resident said that the bike is parked on the sidewalk right now at Jacobus Place and Ft. Charles. Melendez dispatched an officer to the location immediately.

9. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Minutes reviewed by Edward Green, Chair

Submitted by Myra Joyce