

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue
(Pending Committee Approval)

MEETING DATE: February 18, 2020

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Margaret Donato (Chair)
Ed Green
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GUESTS:

Martin Kenny (Jay's Place), Jordan Ureno (JS Restaurant), Jose Santo (JS Restaurant), Steve Catechis (Blackstone Bar & Grill), Steve King, Margaret Della, Joe Cotty, Jay Travaglini, Hudson Ford, Henry Tin Marin, Kenia Castillo (Tin Marin).

Committee Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and introduced guests.

Public Safety Committee members introduced themselves.

Minutes from the January 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

POLICE REPORT:

Lieutenant Garcia, representing the 50th Precinct, presented the 28-day CompStat Report covering 2/10/20-2/16/2. **(See attached CompStat Report).*

Lieutenant Garcia reported one individual resident of the community was responsible for 8 burglaries in the area, was arrested 19 times in 2020 and was currently in police custody because his bail was finally denied.

Lieutenant Garcia discussed the new bail reform law and how officers needed to be diligent in contacting the proper authorities to recommend that bail be denied for recidivist offenders.

Regarding a recent shooting on 238th St., Lieutenant Garcia reported the perpetrator was recently arrested in Florida. Lieutenant Garcia stated the shooting incident had no relation to Fenwick's Bar, as had originally been reported by News 12. Owner of Fenwick's Bar was in attendance and stated patrons of the bar had nothing to do with the shooting incident.

Lieutenant Garcia reported an arrest had been made on 2/17 for a rape in the Marble Hill area.

Lieutenant Garcia reported there was a non-fatal shooting in the Marble Hill area and a police investigation was underway regarding this matter.

FIRE REPORT:

No fire report was available.

SLA RENEWAL APPLICATIONS:

- Caridad Restaurant, 135 W. Kingsbridge Road was approved unanimously (3-0-0)
- Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course, 115 Van Cortlandt Park South was approved unanimously (3-0-0)
- Riverdale Diner, 3657 Kingsbridge Avenue. No Representative for Riverdale Diner attended the meeting. No vote was taken.
- Tin Marin Bar and Lounge, 3708 Riverdale Avenue was approved unanimously (3-0-0)
- Jay's Place, 5782 Mosholu Avenue was approved unanimously (3-0-0)
- Blackstone Bar & Grill was approved unanimously (3-0-0)

NEW SLA APPLICATIONS:

No new applications.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Margaret Della (representing Kingsbridge Heights Community Center) expressed concerns about a group of youths (approximately 13-14 years old) menacing younger children (approximately 11 years old) with weapons, chasing them and sometimes robbing them.

Lieutenant Garcia stated 50th Precinct officers are aware of the situation and they apprehended one of the youths who also tested positive for marijuana. He also stated police have visited the homes of several of the youths responsible for criminal acts and spoke to their parents. He stated the parents are generally not being helpful and in some cases possibly contributing to the delinquency of the children.

Committee Member Ed Green inquired about the state of juvenile reform facilities and if they are being looked at as possible solutions for repeat youth offenders. Lieutenant Garcia stated many juvenile facilities are being closed down by the State but a Youth Officer for the 50th Precinct is going to be hired soon, as per Commissioner Shea.

With no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Prepared by Ed Green.

Reviewed by Margaret Donato, Chair & Myra Joyce, Vice Chair.