

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 BRONX

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 17, 2020
MEETING HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM
(pending approval)**

PRESENT

Margaret Donato (Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Myra Joyce (Vice Chair)	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Edward Green	CB8 Public Safety Committee
Diomarys Escaño	CB8 Public Safety Committee

Guests: Laura Spalter (CB8), David Gellman (CB8), Captain Emelio Melendez, Cesar Sala, Tani Najman-Licht, Richard Puentes (Fenwick Pub), Paul Jacobs, Marilex Santana-Taverez (Bronx DA's Office), J, Carlos Torres.

1. Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Members of the Public Safety Committee introduced themselves
2. Minutes of the May meeting approved unanimously
 - a. In favor of approval: 4 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño)
 - b. Opposed: 0
 - c. Abstained: 0
3. Police Report
 - a. Increase in crime (burglary & grand larceny auto)
 - i. Bail reform is putting a lot of criminals on the street
 - b. GLA (Grand Larceny Auto) up
 - i. Hondas are the main vehicles being taken
 - ii. Organized ring doing this
 - c. Domestic violence assaults up
 - d. 128% increase in burglaries over last year at this time
 - i. Don't qualify for bail because it's not a violent crime
 - ii. Laundromat burglary – person of interest has been identified

e. Compstat Report

	28 Day-Ending 6/14/2020		
	2020	2019	% Chg
Murder	0	0	
Rape	2	0	
Robbery	2	6	
Fel. Assault	8	14	
Burglary	16	7	
Gr. Larceny	24	42	
G.L.A.	12	4	
TOTAL	64	73	-12.3

- f. Issues presented by Committee members

1. Barbecues in VCP
Summons are not being issued. Parks Department should take care of this
2. Re Re-opening (Margaret reached out for DCA guidelines)
DCA is working on guidelines for restaurants without outdoor seating
Restaurants can apply online for outdoor seating permits

Ed asked for a definition of an Oath Summons

Non-criminal in nature

Individual can give false information with basically no repercussions

If the summoned individual doesn't show up, it doesn't matter

Plainclothes units disbanded

Personnel will go into uniform and on patrol

Includes 1 sergeant and 4 officers

Narcotics is centralized

No unit in the 50th Precinct

If someone is found selling drugs, the report goes to the NCOs

Margaret is sending a letter to elected officials re not cutting the budget for the 5-0

Citywide arrests are down 70%

Cops are responding to "service" calls

3. No fire report

4. SLA Application: New Request

Fenwick Pub, 432 West 238th Street

Richard Puentes, new owner, representing

Never owned a bar before

Is aware of the past issues at that location

There have been no problems in the last few years

They will have a machine at the door to scan IDs

Fake ID checkpoint

Security will be present Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays

Mr. Puentes will be present every day

Will fill out 2 a.m. closing agreement and send it to the CB8 office

In favor of approval: 4 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño)

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm

Reviewed by Margaret Donato, Chair

Submitted by Myra Joyce, Vice Chair