

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 20, 2012
AT THE 50TH POLICE PRECINT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Arlene G. Feldmeier
Anthony Creaney
Lamont Parker
Robert Press
Herb Young
Capt. Molina
Gregory Adames
Tom O'Connor
Nynette Franklin
Miawling Lam
Chenide Robinson
Elvis Rodriguez
Andrew Sandler
Franklin & Marilyn Vargas
Jimmy Downey

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50th Precinct Community Council
50th Precinct Community Council
Winner's Restaurant
Riverdale Review
Winner's Restaurant

Office of Councilman Koppell
EI Economico
Jake's Restaurant

1. Officer Brian Iacovides announced Captain Burke's promotion to Deputy Inspector. 6 more officers added to 4 - 12 shift. 2 officers transferred out. Mention of violation, drugs, gun arrest and solving 20 year old cold case thru DNA evidence. Suspect had a long record.
2. Q&A: no update re shooting at The Lounge. New speed bumps on Independence Avenue will add only a few seconds to response.
3. Chair Report: she was on vacation during full board vote on The Lounge, fully agrees with full board vote and explained that committee votes are not binding on full board. During time lapse from committee meeting to full board vote, new facts can be found that can change opinions from a committee vote until a full board vote.
4. Discussion about cabaret licenses, issued by the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs, and required for establishments at which there is dancing. Committee members will check department website for more information, and will invite a speaker from the department.
5. Discussion about letter from owner of Ibiza Lounge to the Community Board office expressing dissatisfaction with his treatment at a past committee meeting, and seeking a private meeting with the committee chair, board chair and board vice chair. Committee felt that such a meeting would be inappropriate and contrary to open meetings laws. It voted 4-0 to invite the owner, who is an ex-community board member, to the next committee meeting to discuss his concerns.

6. Re 24 hour liquor licenses for New Year's Eve, Officer Iocovides informed the committee that such requests were received by the 50th Precinct, and granted for Jay's Place, Ibiza Lounge, Silhouette Bar and Winner's Lounge. Mention of Queens Community Board who made resolutions to their Assemblymember and State Senator calling for community boards to be informed of 24 hour license requests, along with police departments. Motion to have CB8 do same passed 4-0.

7. Liquor Licenses:
 - Ginger Grill - no show, to be invited to next meeting.
 - Jake's Steakhouse - owner Jim Downey appeared and answered questions from the committee.
 - El Economico-owners Marilyn & Franklin Vargas appeared and explained that they were renewing their beer/wine license and applying for a full liquor license at the same time. They stated that they are only a restaurant, are not a club and have no connection to any other establishment in Community Board 8.

Vote in favor of approving Jake's Steakhouse and El Economico applications 4-0.

Submitted by,

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Chair, Public Safety