

**Minutes of Public Safety Committee
Meeting held on September 21, 2006
At the 50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Arlene Garbett Feldmeier	CB#8 Committee Chair
Anthony Creaney	CB#8
Warren Dolny	CB#8
Philip Friedman	CB#8
Julie Reyes	CB#8
Todd Rubinstein	CB#8
Herbert Young	CB#8
Captain Dermot Shea	50th Precinct
Detective Luis Rodriguez	50th Precinct
Herb Eysser	FDNY UNION

Introductions (*New Police Captain – Capt. Shea – in attendance*)

Motion to approve last committee meeting's minutes.

Chairperson's Report:

- Application for new liquor license submitted during the summer for 6159 Broadway for new establishment "Monet On The Green", the former location of 'Koo Koo's' (a problem location in the past.)

Applicant called Community Board (CB) office several times over the summer requesting that the Public Safety Committee meet prior to September meeting to review their application. The applicant stated that they needed to secure the liquor license before the 6159 Broadway owner would issue a lease for the property. The CB response to the applicant was for them to wait until the scheduled September meeting.

Dep. Inspector Hardiman met with one of two of the applicants for the liquor license. Applicant stated that the establishment would be primarily for catering.

Police Report:

- Overall crime down 2% from same time last year.
- Number of serious/violent crime slightly up from same time last year.
- A string of pattern robberies has/is occurring in the area; typically gun point robberies in front of large residential buildings committed by one African-American male (at time of committee meeting, approximately one week since last robbery.)
- Numerous daily car break-ins; two recent arrests of persons breaking into cars.
- Number of parking summonses issued to date approximately even with this time last year. Numerous double parking summonses being issued on the Johnson Avenue commercial corridor.

FDNY Report:

- Ladder 52 received a new truck; firemen satisfied with its performance so far.
- A hydrant malfunction occurred during a fire at 4499 Henry Hudson Parkway.
- Engine 81 and Ladder 46 recently dispatched as a 'Haz Mat' team to the UN General Assembly. While away, two fires occurred in the area. The Briggs Avenue firehouse responded to the incidents.
- Mention of FDNY slow response to increase manpower during the Queens Summer blackout; supplemental manpower sent on the 9th day of event (the last day of the event.)

- After the August tropical storm which passed through the area, Ladder 52 responded to 29 calls mostly relating to downed trees. Due to the large volume of calls, the Ladder truck from Gun Hill Road assisted in the area (i.e., W 250th Street downed tree.)

Liquor License Renewals & New Applications:

- Eight renewal applications for liquor licenses.
- Five new applications for liquor licenses. No representatives for any applications present; applicants to be invited to next meeting including “Monet On The Hudson” discussed during Chairperson’s Report.

Old Business:

No Old Business Discussed

New Business:

Traffic & Parking Problems

- Due to several construction projects in the area it is expected that the traffic and parking situation in the area will worsen.
- Idea to perhaps have a joint meeting with the Traffic & Transportation Committee to educate the community regarding parking regulations in the area. Another idea: to develop literature for distribution to the community regarding parking regulations.
- Mentioned that storeowners may be taking up metered parking spots all day, further limiting parking. Though it is not legal to continually ‘feed’ the meter all day, it is very difficult to limit.
- Idea to limit deliveries to evening hours discussed. Limiting deliveries to evenings would require changing city and/or state law and would be unlikely.
- The recent ticketing of handicap stickered cars on Hudson Manor Terrace discussed (ticketed handicap stickered car owners had appeared at the Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting on 9/19.) Street corners of Hudson Manor Terrace, which was previously marked ‘No Parking’ (handicap stickered cars are allowed to park in these spots) had their markings supplemented with stripping drawn on the street. Corners were redesignated as ‘Safety Zones’. Handicap stickered cars cannot park in Safety Zones. Matter to be left to Traffic & Transportation committee.

Speeding On Fieldston Road

- A mention of speeding vehicular traffic on a stretch of Fieldston Road between Mosholu Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway. Matter to be referred to Traffic & Transportation Committee (i.e. installation of stop signs/traffic lights/speed bumps?)

Atria Summer Blackout

- Atria is a high-rise assisted living facility with a hospice located on an upper floor. The hospice opened within the Atria building several years after Atria opened.
- On August 3, 2006, during a 90F+ summer day, residents and hospice patients had to be evacuated via stairways by police/EMS/Atria staff due to a utility power failure, which began two days earlier. The building was not equipped with an emergency generator.
- Public Safety committee Chairperson and another committee member, both CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) members, who observed portions of the Atria evacuation, discussed their observations during the event.
- With the hospice located in the building, it would seem that the facility should be equipped with an emergency generator.
- It is understood that as an assisted living facility, Atria falls outside the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Health. Though the building is designated residential by the New York City Department of Buildings, the addition of the hospice may have changed the ‘use’ of the

building, thus requiring that the building be equipped with a generator and other life safety systems.

- Committee to draft a letter (*perhaps collaborating with the Health, Hospital & Social Services Committee*) suggesting the installation of an emergency generator and formulation/revision of emergency evacuation plans. Similar letter to be drafted and distributed to all assisted living facilities within CB8.

Misc:

No Misc Topics

Meeting Adjourns 8:40PM

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