

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2015 AT THE 50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE

ATTENDANCE

Arlene Feldmeier
Joe O'Brien
Lenora Croft
Margaret Donato
Robert Press
Herb Young
Ed Molina
Patrick Doherty
Lieutenant Foder

AFFILIATION

Committee Chair
Committee Vice Chair
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Auxillary Captain
Keenan's Bar
50th Precinct

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the 50th precinct with committee members Arlene Feldmeier, Chair, Joe O'Brien, Vice Chair, Lenora Croft, Myra Joyce, Margaret Donato, Robert Press, Herb Young, and Auxiliary Captain Ed Molina present.

The minutes of the prior meeting were unanimously approved, as amended.

The police reported an arrest in the daylight shooting on Broadway in Marble Hill and a number of other arrests in the area for drug sales, as well as of some buyers. Arrests were also made in the mugging of four youths near Seton Park. Police crime statistics showed a 1.87% year-to-date increase in major crimes (from 536 to 546).

No arrest has been made in the robbery of Chase Bank at 231st Street and Broadway but the police have identified the perpetrator.

Chair Feldmeier reviewed a recent meeting with community members, Board members and Captain O'Toole in which concerns over recent incidents were addressed. Bob Press reported that he had taken the liberty of inviting the police Bronx Borough commander to the next Public Safety Committee meeting.

Chair Feldmeier read a proposed letter to relevant city and local officials asking that a campaign to raise awareness of the Vision Zero program on pedestrian safety be used to include school areas. The letter, with a modest change, was approved unanimously.

Andrew Sandler, representing Council Member Andrew Cohen, said there was money in the budget for additional school safety officers.

Webb Avenue residents asked for an enhanced police presence to deal with unruly persons.

Other residents asked that Manhattan College Parkway be more vigorously patrolled and Lt. Foder said that he had recently met with Manhattan College officials and new programs were to be implemented this fall.

Licenses:

Five applications were reviewed with La Nueva Estrella and Caribbean Grill laid over with no representatives present.

Aoyu Sushi, 3532A Johnson Avenue was renewed unanimously for beer and wine, as was City North Grill, 5693 Riverdale Avenue, Grange Tavern, LLC (Patrick Doherty, new owner of Keenan's Bar, 5588 Broadway) was approved contingent on agreeing to close at 2 a.m. for the first year of operations.

The meeting closed at 8:12 p.m.

Arlene Feldmeier, Chair
Public Safety Committee