

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 19, 2019
50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

PRESENT

Margaret Donato
Myra Joyce
Edward Green
Diomarys Escaño
Jyll D. Townes

AFFILIATION

CB8 Public Safety Committee (Chair)
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Committee members absent: Louis Lopez, Mary Yamagata

Guests: Michael Zotter (Buffalo Wild Wings), Joseph Espino (Buffalo Wild Wings), Emily Weisberg (Moss Café), Robert Press, Georgia Santiago (CB8), Elizabeth Thompson, Pete Decaro, Oren Hiller (Riverdale Jewish Center), Michael Jones (SLA), George Diaz

Chair Donato called the meeting to order at 7:10

1. Committee members introduced themselves

2. Approval of February 19, 2019 minutes

In favor: 5 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

3. Police Report presented by Captain Melendez

Crime is up. Felony assaults is up one.

Arrests are up 20.6% (NCOs are making most of these arrests)

An officer has been added to the domestic violence unit.

Compstat report

28 day report ending March 17, 2019.

	2019	2018
Murder	0	0
Rape	2	2
Robbery	9	3
Felony Assault	8	9
Burglary	8	13
Grand Larceny	30	25
Grand Larceny Auto	4	4
Total	61	56

Georgia brought up issue about youth hanging out in the Marble Hill Houses. Officers will ascertain whether or not they belong there, either visiting someone or live there, and if not, they will be escorted out.

Ed Green asked about putting a school crossing guard at Hillman and Sedgwick Avenues. Captain Melendez said there are 4 openings for crossing guards and they cannot find people to fill these position

4. FDNY Report – No FDNY report

5. Presentation by SLA on Liquor License Process (given after the SLA renewals were reviewed)

Speaker said that the NYPD sends reports to SLA, and the reports are kept on file. The speaker is familiar with Barcelona Bites. He said the administrative process takes up to a year and a half to address.

There is a public search functionality on the SLA website to find out if an applicant has other liquor licenses.

Asked for clarification: the 500 foot rule is if there are 3 bars already within 500 feet of the new establishment, the 4th place has to show it is operating in the public interest, e.g., if ethnic restaurant with different type of cuisine. The 200 foot rule states that a liquor license may not be granted if the establishment is within 200 feet of a school, with the following exception: if the school is located in a mixed use building the 200 foot rule does not apply.

For information on Safe Beverage Serving training, we were advised to go to SLA website for more information.

6. SAPO for Health & Safety Awareness Day (Second request)

Full street closure on West 237th Street between Blackstone and Independence Avenues.

This event has been held previously.

In favor with the stipulation that the street closure begin at 10:00am: (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

7. Liquor and Beer/Wine/Cider License Renewal Applications

New Tokyo House: no show

Asian Tokyo: no show

Moss Café, 3260 Johnson Ave. (Beer/Wine/Cider)

Emily Weisberg representing

Open 7am to 9pm Monday through Thursday

No issues at this location. They are primarily a restaurant that closes at 9:00pm

In favor: 5 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0

Buffalo Wild Wings, 193 West 237th Street (in BJ's Shopping Center)

Michael Zotter and Joseph Espino representing

There have been no problems

Hours: Sunday to Thursday 11am to 12am, Friday and Saturday 11am to 1am

In favor: 5 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0

Smash Burger, 193 West 237th Street

Send an email to board office that they would be unable to send a representative

Captain Melendez stated there have been no issues at this location

In favor: 5 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0; Abstain: 0

8. New Application for Sidewalk Café

Moss Café, 3260 Johnson Ave. (Beer/Wine/Cider)

Emily Weisberg representing

Open 7am to 9pm Monday through Thursday

2 small tables and chairs

In favor: 5 (M. Donato, M. Joyce, E. Green, D. Escaño, J. Townes)

Opposed: 0

Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Submitted by Myra Joyce, Vice Chair

Reviewed by Margaret Donato