

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
50th Police Precinct, 3450 Kingsbridge Avenue

MEETING DATE: October 16th, 2018

PRESENT:

Margaret Donato (Committee Chair)
Diomarys Escano
Ed Green
Myra Joyce
Mary Yamagata

ABSENT:

Louis Lopez
Omar Murray
Jyll Townes

GUESTS:

Fran Hage (Frankie's Tavern)
Elizabeth Espinal Arnaud (Yukka Latin Bistro)
Tamara Elba (Kingsbridge resident)
Jen Sproull (BID, Kingsbridge)
George Tsikis (Dale Diner)
David Bush (Riverdale resident)
Junheng Shen (KC Broadway, Inc.)

Chair Margaret Donato called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Public Safety Committee members introduced themselves.

Minutes from the September 27th meeting were approved.

POLICE REPORT

Deputy Inspector O'Toole presented the 28 day CompStat Report ending 10/14/18.

**** See attached CompStat report for details. ***

Deputy Inspector O'Toole discussed various crime related incidents in the CB8 area:

- Son killed father by slamming his head into wall; charged with criminally negligent homicide.
- After hours burglary of C-Town supermarket on Kingsbridge Rd. No arrests made.
- City-wide pattern of motorcycles being stolen. NYPD Motor Crimes Unit investigating.
- Chair Donato asked about Barcelona Bites, Inspector O'Toole advised the committee there had been a fight and a chain was taken there was one arrest. She also asked if there were any problems at Parrilla Latina there had been none.

FIRE REPORT

No fire report was available.

NEW APPLICATIONS: Liquor License or Beer/Wine License:

KC Broadway, Inc.
5740 Broadway
THIRD REQUEST

Junheng Shen representing KC Broadway, Inc.

Liquor, Beer, Wine and Cider (Full Liquor) was not checked on the application submitted to CB8. The KC Broadway representative that had the "full liquor" option checked presented a second application. The applicant states he wants a full liquor license, as per the 2nd application.

The two applications, reported by the applicant to be from the proper liquor license authority, are formatted differently and contain different properties and options.

Committee members concluded the issues of application timeliness (thirty-day notification period) and application re-submission are questionable and need to be further examined and clarified by CB8 and State Liquor License Authority to determine whether this application is procedurally admissible.

The Committee concluded the liquor license application for KC Broadway, Inc. needed to be resubmitted by the owner at next month's meeting, pending the results of the Board's inquiry.

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS: Liquor License or Beer/ Wine License

Yukka Latin Bistro
5684 Riverdale Ave

- Elizabeth Espinal-Arnaud representing Yukka Latin Bistro
- Business is awaiting repairs on their storefront awning by contractors
- Inspector O'Toole provided assurance the restaurant was well-run and good for the community
- Application unanimously approved by the Committee

Dale Diner
189 West 231st Street

- George Tsikis representing Dale Diner
- Application unanimously approved by the Committee

Frankie's Tavern
5670 Mosholu Avenue

- Fran Hage representing Frankie's Tavern
- Application form was questionable, in terms of proper details, and not consistent with previously submitted liquor license application forms
- Application unanimously approved by the Committee ****(Contingent upon CB8 inquiry into whether or not applicant provided appropriate application form.)*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Male guest asked when a crosswalk at 237th St. & Hudson Manor Terrace was going to be painted. Deputy Inspector O'Toole stated he had not received any information regarding when the work would be completed.

The same male guest stated a proposed stop sign by Key Food on 235th St. & Oxford Avenue had not been put in yet, and it was requested multiple times by several neighborhood businesses and community residents.

Female guest discussed Manhattan College students having drinking parties that caused disturbances in the neighborhood by 236th St and Corlear Ave. She stated she knew people who had to clean up vomit from their driveways in the area and cited several incidents of excessive noise by students during late evening hours.

Deputy Inspector O'Toole stated his officers have issued several summonses to people drinking alcohol in the area in question and advised people to call 311 and also notify Manhattan College campus officials of any disorderly conduct or excessive noise by students. The purpose of these calls would primarily be to create a documented record for future enforcement tactics.

A Police Officer attending the meeting stated Manhattan College has a "Good Neighbor Policy" with their students that is an agreement students must sign that can lead to disciplinary action being taken against them by the college if they are not in compliance.

Committee Member Escano stated 3625 Riverdale Avenue is a building that has ongoing issues with Manhattan College students having disruptive parties. Officer stated he is aware of complaints about that address and also the nearby building where Goodfellas Pizza is located. Officer stated the owner of the pizzeria building gave him a key so he can enter the residence and investigate if future disturbances arise.

Committee Member Green stated multiple residents of Amalgamated Housing have expressed a need for a Crossing Guard at the intersection of Sedgwick Ave and Hillman Ave, adjacent to Public-School 95, citing dangerous and congested traffic conditions that raise safety concerns for neighborhood children.

Deputy Inspector O'Toole explained that a request from the Principal of P.S. 95 would have to be made to the Board of Education to have a Crossing Guard placed in the area in question. The Inspector stated the process of getting this done would likely be lengthy (approximately 1-2 years) because of budget submissions and various other governmental petitioning factors.

Chair Margaret Donato stated the Fire Department is scheduled to make a presentation at next month's (November) Public Safety Meeting.

With no further business to conduct, Chair Margaret Donato adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Ed Green, pending approval.

Reviewed by Margaret Donato.