

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE –
DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2017
50TH POLICE PRECINCT, 3450 KINGSBRIDGE AVENUE**

Committee Members Present:

M. Yamagata, Chair; M. Donato; M. Joyce

Committee Members Absent:

J. Townes; H. Young; D. Santiago; D. Escano

Guests:

J. Crotty; J. Travablem; L Lopez; D. Gellman; B. Press; S. Catechis; K. Brokees; D. Wu; E. Che; T. O'Connor; Deputy Inspector O'Toole

The meeting commenced at 7:05PM. We did not have a quorum, and were not able to conduct business. However, we decided to proceed with the meeting in order for the guests to be heard, including the applicants for license renewals. All present were advised the committee will prepare resolutions related to the applications for liquor licenses to present to the Executive Board for approval.

Deputy Inspector O'Toole indicated that grand larceny auto is the predominant crime in our community. He reports Cadillac and Prius converters have been stolen from cars in the areas near Kappock and Independence Avenues, and 261 Street and Riverdale Avenue. Neighbors are reminded to remove personal property from their cars; thieves are also breaking into cars to steal personal property.

No representative appeared for Land & Sea Restaurant, and their application was not considered.

Dannon Wu appeared for Yokohama Japanese Restaurant. No problems were reported for this establishment.

Eson Che appeared for Palace of Japan. No problems were reported for this establishment.

Steve Catechis appeared for Blackstone Bar & Grill. No problems were reported for this establishment.

Our guests raised the issue of businesses that use electric bicycles. According to Mr. Press, the mayor has developed an initiative for greater safety, including requirements for the operators to use helmets, and reflective vests with the name of the restaurant printed on the vest. The requirements will be enforced through traffic rules and local laws.

Mr. Press inquired whether a World Series would result in less police in our community during the series.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.

Submitted by,

Mary Yamagata, Chair
Public Safety Committee