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Debra Travis

Youth
Julia Gomez

Date: **Wednesday, December 1, 2021**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone: **(646) 558- 8656**

Pin: **2114033690#**

AGENDA

1. Approval of November 3, 2021 Executive Committee Minutes
2. Chairperson's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. District Manager's Report
5. Committee Resolutions
6. Committee Member Issues for Discussion
7. Follow-up on Outstanding Issues

Laura Spalter
Chairperson

Bronx Community Board 8
December 2021
Resolution to Approve Budget Modification

WHEREAS, to support the work of the board office, a budget modification for FY 22 has been prepared and is attached to the December Treasurer's report.

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 approves the budget modification.

RESOLUTIONS
Public Safety Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
November 16th, 2021

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of The Barbecue Pit, located at 5788 Mosholu Avenue appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 16th, 2021 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints about this establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

In Favor: C. Calhoun, M. Donato, N. Fazio, E. Green, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, G. Santiago, S. Vasquez

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Ezili Luxury Hall Corp, located at 5540 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on November 16th, 2021 to apply for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS, a 2AM agreement was signed by the establishment owner, agreeing to close down business by 2AM, every day, during their first year of operation.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

In Favor: C. Calhoun, M. Donato, N. Fazio, E. Green, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, G. Santiago, S. Vasquez

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

Resolution
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Independence Avenue Flexible Delineator Repeal

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2020 and early winter of 2021, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8 held several public discussions on ways to reduce drag racing on Independence Avenue;

WHEREAS, the majority of the community expressed strong opposition to general, common traffic calming measures on Independence Avenue such as lane narrowing, pedestrian extensions, bike lanes, additional traffic lights and the completion of sidewalks;

WHEREAS, during the March 2020 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting committee members and the general public discussed the placement of flexible delineators and channelization at each impacted intersection to identify locations that would best reduce the intersection size while also addressing concerns with parking, pedestrian crossings, bus stops and garbage pickup;

WHEREAS, in April of 2021 Community Board 8 passed a resolution to recommend NYC DOT install flexible delineators and rubber speed bumps on Independence Avenue at the intersections of West 235th Street, West 236th Street, West 237th Street, West 239th Street and West 240th Street to reduce reckless “donuts” by vehicles;

WHEREAS, the Bronx DOT office has informed the Traffic and Transportation Committee that specific treatments cannot be requested and that the agency does not have a policy of reducing intersection radius to restrict illegal vehicular activity like “donuts”;

WHEREAS, the April 2021 resolution is not actionable by the New York City Department of Transportation as it is currently written;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 requests that Community Board 8 rescind the resolution of April 2021 requesting flexible delineators and channelization on Independence Avenue.

Approve: D Travis, C Calhoun, E Green, M Gibbs, G Santiago, K Buford, D Gellman

Oppose:

Resolution
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Stephenson Place No Standing Zone

WHEREAS, Stephenson Place is a narrow, residential, one-way street that runs in a u-shape from Sedgwick Avenue to Sedgwick Avenue;

WHEREAS, Stephenson Place is bounded for most of its length on the south by the historic retaining wall of Fort Independence Park;

WHEREAS, the south side of Stephenson Place along the retaining wall currently has a “No Parking Anytime” zone along the length of the street adjacent to the Fort Independence Park retaining wall;

WHEREAS, there is an ongoing issue of vehicles with placards parking in this zone which narrows access to the roadway;

WHEREAS, the committee heard testimony that the roadway access must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and for residents to travel to their homes;

WHEREAS, there is a senior center and Jewish center on this block;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation change the parking regulation for the south side of Stephenson Place along the retaining wall for Fort Independence Park to a “No Standing Zone” to eliminate the parking of any vehicles.

Yes: Dan Padernacht, Silvia Alexander, Mary Ellen Gibbs, David Gellman, Ed Green

No:

Abstain:

Absent: Deb Travis