

**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Aging Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, March 13, 2023**  
via Zoom  
*Pending Committee Approval*

**Committee Members Present**

Lee Chong  
Lisa Daub, Chair  
Myra Joyce, Vice Chair  
Rita Pochter-Lowe  
Georgia Santiago

Committee Members Absent: Margaret Donato

**Guests:** Herb Barrett, Julie Dalton (RSS), Judith Green, Barbara Kail, Miryam Rabner (MJHS),

Chair Lisa Daub called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

1. Introductions - Committee Members and Guests

2. FY2025 Expense Budget Discussion, Determination and Prioritization

Chair reviewed FY24 budget requests and agency replies. Meeting participants discussed applicability for FY25, new requests and priorities for inclusion. Following discussion and recap, committee members unanimously voted in favor of five (5) requests that the chair will submit with agreed upon modifications and language:

- 1) Increase funding for OACs in CB8, adding funds for multicultural / multilingual outreach and programs in addition to tech, wages, mental health, food, etc.
- 2) Affordable housing – moved up to #2
- 3) Food programs
- 4) Center transportation for older adult participation in nutrition and other programs, day trips, doctor appointments, etc.
- 5) Crossing signal at 236<sup>th</sup> Street and Cambridge Avenue

3. Community / Service Provider Updates

RSS is seeking to hire a bus driver and has other employment opportunities as posted on their website <https://rssny.org/get-involved/careers.html>. The Center is having a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

MJHS's advance directive initiative is going well.

4. Chairperson's Report

Chair L. Daub and Vice Chair M. Joyce announced that they are not seeking reappointment to the community board. Their board service ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Aging Committee will not meet in April but we hope to find an interim chair to host a meeting in May. The board elects new officers and chairpersons at the June board meeting.

5. Approval of Aging Committee Minutes – February 13, 2023

L. Chong pointed out a typo in her name. Approved with the correction: 5 (L. Daub, M. Joyce, L. Chong, G. Santiago, R. Pochter-Lowe), Abstain: 0, Opposed: 0

#### 6. Outstanding Business / New Business

L. Chong noted the upcoming rally at City Hall for fair pay for homecare workers

#### 7. Discussion – Committee Redesign Proposal

Concern regarding the sustainability of the Aging committee as well as the Youth and special Veterans committees is [only] part of the reason for L. Daub's proposing a committee redesign to Bronx Community Board 8. She noted that change, if any, will take time since it will be discussed, referred to LRE committee and require 2 CB votes for a By-Law change. This is a board membership transition and election period.

The main proposal is to create a robust Community Engagement Committee to focus on our Centers, reach out and engage other groups in the district that support older adults, youth, veterans and other residents, and to promote volunteerism. [Illustration attached].

Meeting adjourned at 5:10pm

Prepared by Myra Joyce

Submitted by Lisa Daub

**Proposed CB8 Committee Restructuring**  
Sustainable, Supportive and Unbiased Committee Structure  
For Discussion Only

**Current Committees**

1. Aging Committee
2. Youth Committee
3. Special Committee – Veterans
4. All CB8 Service Awards:  
Irving Ladimer Community Service Award  
Betty Campbell Most Valuable  
Merchant Award (\*)  
Yankee Youth Leadership Award  
Comeback Kid (?)



**Proposed Committees**

**Community Engagement**

**Support our Community Centers** to enhance life for older adults, adults and youth in the community.

**Engage** other local institutions and groups that create and support community life.

Promote **volunteerism** and community participation, e.g., outreach, awards (or see alternative\*\*), Memorial Grove, etc.

(\*) EcDev Committee can nominate a merchant for **the Board's CSA**, similar to nominations from the Parks Committee.

Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee



**Community Health & Facilities**

Support the physical and mental health needs of our residents through education and by convening residential and non-residential health, nursing and supportive living organizations.

Listen to and resolve community concerns related to local facilities and public health issues.

The committees of neighboring community boards:

- Youth is often combined with Education. This proposed CB8 committee supports our Centers that promote the broader well-being of our youth.
- Aging is often combined with Health. This proposed CB8 committee supports our Centers that promote active aging and the well-being of older adults. Aging ≠ Illness!

This proposal promotes social engagement and centralizes volunteer award processes in one committee for award and presentation by the full Board.

*\*\* Alternative – all committees can nominate a recipient for CSA to the ad hoc committee – instead of individual committee awards. Yankee Leadership remains separate under Community Engagement.*