



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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MEETING NOTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICERS:

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**Immediate Past
Chairperson**
Laura Spalter

Date: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Bronx Community Board 8 Office
5676 Riverdale Avenue, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

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

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone: +16465588656 Pin: 2114033690#

All committee members must attend in person except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disability Act, who may request an accommodation from the chairperson of the Board permitting them to attend via video/teleconferencing and be counted in the quorum.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging
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Budget
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Economic Development
Oscar Martinez

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Sylvia Alexander

Environment & Sanitation
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Land Use
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Law, Rules & Ethics
Martin Wolpoff

Parks & Recreation
Debra Travis

Public Safety
Edward Green

Traffic & Transportation
Josh Land

Youth
Ramdat Singh

We strongly recommend that members of the public attend via Zoom due to limited room capacity.

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the Executive Committee Minutes:
December 4, 2024
4. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
5. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
6. District Manager's Report
7. Committee Chairs Reports and Resolutions
8. Unfinished Business
9. New Business
10. Executive Session Based on Open Meetings law 105.F: Personnel matters
11. Next Executive Committee meeting February 5, 2025
12. Adjournment

Julie Reyes
Chairperson



Pursuant to New York State legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul (Bill S1150A), The Community Board is required to post material to be discussed at a public meeting. Please know that the material below has not been voted on or discussed by the full board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
December 17th, 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On December 17th, 2024, David Lindsay, a Representative of Kingsbridge Social Club, located at 3625 Kingsbridge Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee 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 at the location of this establishment.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On December 17th, 2024, Aroma Restaurant & Bar located at 5523 Broadway, submitted an application to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

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

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS Brian Weinstein, District Manager of Gourmet Dining LLC, located at 4513 Manhattan College Parkway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on December 17th, 2024, to apply for new liquor licenses at four locations on Manhattan College property: Thomas Hall 4th floor, President's Dining Room; Squeri Hall/Smith Auditorium; Kelly Commons 4th & 5th floors; Draddy Gymnasium.

WHEREAS, the applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of operation on all four licenses.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved all four applications.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves these four applications.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION (from December 19, 2024)
January 14, 2025
SAPO APPLICATION SAR 56th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS, the SAR Academy (Nick Fadda the Applicant), 655 W 254th Street, Bronx, NY 10471, presented its request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its 56th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the campus located at 503 W 259th Street, Bronx, NY 10471 on Saturday, January 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested to restrict curb lane usage on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00 am to 11:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has not requested to restrict vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the SAR Academy for the curb lane restrictions on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00am to 11:30pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the issuance of a permit to the SAR Academy for the curb lane restrictions on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00am to 11:30pm.

Traffic & Transportation Committee
RESOLUTION (from December 19, 2024)
January 14, 2024
SAPO APPLICATION BioBus at PS315

WHEREAS, Bio Bus at PS 315 attended the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting on December 19th, to ask for the SAPO application for elementary school students to learn about various science topics in a mobile science lab next to PS315.

WHEREAS, the BioBus (Ruth DuranChea, the Applicant), 2865 Claflin Ave, Bronx, NY 10468, presented its request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its BioBus to be held at 2865 Claflin Ave., Bronx, NY 10468 on Tuesday, February 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested to restrict all traffic on 2865 Claflin Ave on Saturday, Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested to restrict vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the road closure restrictions on 2865 Claflin Ave at the Lab School, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the road closure restrictions on 2865 Claflin Ave at the Lab School, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

**Land Use Committee
Resolution (from 01/06/2025)
January 14, 2025**

Re: **3111 Henry Hudson Parkway SNAD Botanic Modification Non-ULURP**

An authorization #105-421 to facilitate a modification of topographic features on Tier I sites for the development of seven townhouses with a total square feet of 15,959 and 5,213 total square feet of open space, is being sought by seton private applicant at 3111 Henry Hudson Parkway in Spuyten Duyvil, Community District #8, in The Bronx.

WHEREAS, the developer for 3111 Henry Hudson Parkway, Denis Gjini, presented the project on demolishing a single home to construct 7 new single-family townhomes with 4 curb cuts, and

WHEREAS, applicant confirmed multiple trees of large and small caliper and topography will be removed or affected by the project to place driveways and curb cuts, among them trees that appear to be on public property, and,

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Land Use Committee requested the developer to reach out to NYC Parks to determine whether it would approve the removal of street trees and to confirm size of trees and placement of trees they are going to replace on the City Sidewalk, and

WHEREAS, committee requested the developer to offer an alternative to removing the trees to examine whether or not to minimize the damage to large caliper trees on property wherever possible, or provide some mitigation report, and

WHEREAS, Applicant insisted that he would not meet with the Parks Department to discuss the trees nor could he submit a full mitigation report until after the community board approves the project and it is submitted to the City Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, there is a consistent pattern on developers refusal to cooperate on this project and prior refusal on another project.

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, the Land Use Committee unanimously DISAPPROVES this application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, for the reasons set forth above, Bronx Community Board 8 DISAPPROVES this application.
