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Date: **Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM**

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

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AGENDA

1. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: April 6, 2022
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



Pursuant to recent NYS 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.

Bronx Community Board 8
 May 2022
 Resolution to Approve FY 2023 Operating Budget

WHEREAS, the Treasurer and District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared a projected operating budget(below) for the Board's expenses for FY 2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 approves the projected operating budget for FY 23.

Short code	Description	FY 2023
100	Supplies and Materials - General	\$ 1,000
101	Printing Supplies	\$ 1,000
117	Postage	\$ 500
302	Telecommunications Equipment	\$ 250
314	Office Furniture	\$ 2,000
315	Office Equipment	\$ 1,000
40B	DOIT Phone Expenses	\$ 2570
400	Contractual Expenditures - General	\$ 500
417	Advertising	\$ 250
451	Local Travel Expenditures - General	\$ 100
499	Other Expenditures - General	\$ 20,000
600	Contractual Services - General	\$ 500
608	Maintenance and Repairs - General - Contractual	\$ 250
624	Cleaning Services - Contractual	\$ 5,000
706	Prompt Payments Interest	\$ 100
Total		\$ 35,020

Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
April 2022 Resolutions

Be It Resolved, that Rabbi Shemtov requested a street closing for the Lag Baomer Block Party on May 19, 2022 during the hours of 2:30pm and 8:00pm at West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue.

In Favor Vote-S. Alexander, C. Barnes, M. Esema, M. Joyce, R. Singh, M. Wolpoff

Opposed-0

Abstentions-0

Be It Resolved, that Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar Block Party will take place on June 5, 2022-Gale Place between Orloff Avenue and Van Cortlandt Park during the hours of 11:00am and 3:00pm.

In Favor-S. Alexander, C. Barnes, M. Esema, M. Joyce, R. Singh, M. Wolpoff

Opposed-0

Abstentions-0

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Street Activity Permit Office Application (SAPO) - The Marble Hill Resident Association has applied for a full street closure on West 228th Street and Marble Hill Avenue to West 230th Street and Marble Hill Avenue. The 60 Years of Community Service Anniversary event will take place on Saturday, June 18, 2022. The event (including set up and break down) will take place from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

WHEREAS on Monday, April 25, 2022, the Housing committee heard a presentation from Mr. T. Edwards, President of the Marble Hill Resident Council, Inc., request for a one-time full street closure on West 228th Street and Marble Hill Avenue to West 230th Street and Marble Hill Avenue for an event to take place on Saturday, June 18, 2022, from the hours of 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and

WHEREAS the Marble Hill Resident Association will sponsor this one-day block party event. The event will acknowledge 60 years of community service by Roosevelt Spivey, of Marble Hill's International Unisex Salon, known to the community as Rosey's Barber Shop; and

WHEREAS Mr. Spivey is a staple within the community deserving of acknowledgement as well as the community he wishes to give thanks to for their support through the decades,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Community Board No. 8 Bronx supports the permit for the full street closure on June 18, 2022, between the hours of 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Marble Hill Avenue between West 228th Street and West 230th Street.

There being no quorum, the majority Committee member present recommends approval of said SAPO application.

In Favor: J. Reyes, Housing Committee Member

Abstain: 0

Oppose: 0

* "After 58 years, iconic barbershop may succumb to rent hike
Posted March 15, 2020 Riverdale Press - By ANTHONY CAPOTE

Roosevelt Spivey has cut hair on the corner of West 228th Street and Marble Hill Avenue for nearly six decades.

Known by many of his friends and customers as "Rosey," Spivey first took over Marble Hill's International Unisex Salon in 1962. Back then, Marble Hill was a mostly white neighborhood of working-class Irish and Italian customers. By the middle of that decade, though, those residents started moving out, and the North Carolina native started finding himself serving an increasingly black community.

Today, Rosey's Barber Shop, as many informally call it, is almost always packed to the brim with customers, both new and old. The walls are adorned with pictures of clients both old and young, along with more than a few proclamations and notable citations from local elected officials like former U.S. Rep. Charlie Rangel and current U.S. Rep. Adriano Espaillat, as well as some local news coverage from this very newspaper.

On Friday, in fact, most of the people in the shop weren't even getting their hair cut. They simply stopped in for a chat with Spivey, his assistant manager Garfield Myrie, and their childhood friends — all of whom have been patrons of Rosey's Barber Shop since childhood.

"I got four generations that I am working on right now, and the fifth one is in process," Spivey said of his clientele. "I know all the people in the neighborhood like family."

Take Joe White, for example, who grew up in the neighborhood but left in 1985 for the military. Since then, White has remained active in uniform, even working at the Pentagon in Washington, a city he still calls home.

"Every time I have come back home, this is where I come to get my hair cut," White said. "I have, since I retired, come home every two weeks to get my hair cut."

But all that might be coming to an end sooner than anyone thought. After 58 years in Marble Hill, Spivey — who turns 81 next month — was told by his landlord in a letter that his monthly rent was doubling from \$1,400 to \$2,900.

The new price takes effect April 1, unless Spivey can find some way to talk the landlord down.

"There is no way the shop can sustain that \$2,900 a month, even if I raise the prices to 25 cents a head," he said, pointing to the price chart near his chair, which customers say hasn't changed in decades.

"Unbelievable. The man is a fixture in the community," said Walter Watson, a 54-year-old bus driver who has had Spivey cut his hair for as long as he can remember.

"What are they going to replace us with? Another doughnut shop or whatever? This place is a fixture to all the kids who've grown up here."

Fighting over rent is nothing new for Spivey and his 151 W. 228th St., location. The landlord tried to bump Spivey's rent in 2015, but the might of Charlie Rangel was enough to convince the landlord to leave Spivey's rent alone.

But Rangel is now long retired, and even that landlord is long gone. Abraham Rosenstock sold the building the barbershop calls home in 2017. The new landlord is not much more than a piece of paper with a corporate name: 11 West 172 LLC. The company's registered address is 199 Lee Ave., in the South Williamsburg neighborhood of Brooklyn, a building that is reportedly home to 1,391 other such limited liability corporations belonging to hundreds of landlords.

According to real estate news outlet The Real Deal, the Brooklyn address has one landlord's LLC for every 2.5 square feet of real estate in the building. The landlord has not responded to any calls or requests for comment, except to say that whatever plans he has for the space is his own business.

In the meantime, Spivey has reached out to the community and local elected officials for help holding onto his shop, which longtime customer Scott Dread claimed was the only black-owned business left in the neighborhood.

Spivey's customers highlighted how important the business has been — not just to them, but their parents and children who have also been clients of Marble Hill's International Unisex Salon over the last 58 years.

"We come back here, and it's not just coming to sit and talk, but it's a family place," White said. "You feel that sense of home to this community, which is absent when you walk out of that door."

As the Rev. J. Loren Russell put it: Spivey's shop contributes more to Marble Hill than simply being a place of business. Its social component is much more important.

"In black communities in particular, barber shops have a presence. It is where we come to have our history and our engagement. This is more than a place where we come to get our hair cut," said Russell, an associate pastor at two churches in the South Bronx, as he waited to get the same cut Spivey has given him every week for the past 40 years.

"So, if (he) leaves," Russell said, "that means there is no place in the community for everyone to come together and galvanize."

* <https://www.riverdalepress.com/stories/after-58-years-iconic-barbershop-may-succumb-to-rent-hike,71453>

RESOLUTIONS
Public Safety Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
April 19th, 2022

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Joan Henchy, a Representative of Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater New York, located at 201 West 240th Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on April 19th, 2022 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, the address on the application was incorrect and the Representative stated she would submit the proper address with SLA the following day.

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.

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

In Favor: C. Calhoun, E. Green, R. Kaplan, G. Santiago, S. Vasquez, S. Villaverde

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

DRAFT Hybrid Resolution

Executive Committee

May 4, 2022

Whereas, the New York State Legislature has passed, and Governor Hochul has signed, new legislation concerning implementation of the Open Meetings Law, which will remain in effect through June 1, 2024; and

Whereas, Part WW of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 mandates that as of June 9, 2022 all community board members must return to attending meetings in person unless the Board chooses the Hybrid Model option, which allows an exemption for Board members with extenuating circumstances, such as illness, disability, caretaking responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor which precludes the member's physical presence at such meeting, to participate via videoconferencing; and

Whereas, under the Hybrid Model board members who are exempt from attending meetings in person, may vote offsite via videoconferencing; but will not be counted toward the quorum, and

Whereas, a board member appearing virtually must at all times be able to be heard, seen and identified; and

Whereas, In the event that a board member attends virtually the name and specific reasons for virtual attendance will be noted in the monthly minutes; and

Whereas, public engagement has increased significantly over the past two years, and the Hybrid Option allows for full participation at meetings on the part of the public via video conferencing; and

Whereas, Bronx Community Board 8 held a duly advertised public hearing on May 10, 2022 as required; and

Whereas, Bronx Community Board 8 is researching and investing in appropriate technology, and will endeavor to train board members in its use in order to implement the Hybrid Model which will also allow for public participation.

Therefore, be it resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 and its committees adopt the Hybrid Model to provide the public, including those with disabilities, the ability to attend and participate remotely with the condition that the Board reviews its efficacy in June 2023, when at such time a vote on its renewal will take place.

Be it further resolved, that public meetings of the board or its committees that utilizes video conferencing will be appropriately publicly noticed and include physical locations and remote links with directions on how to participate pursuant to the new Open Meetings Law.