

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Held on Tuesday June 8, 2021 via Zoom Conference**

PRESENT (38):

S. Alexander	R. Fanuzzi	M. Joyce	G. Santiago
R. Bender	N. Fazio	L. Lopez	R. Singh
J. Campbell Priveterre	S. Froot	C. G. Moerdler	L. Spalter
C. Dastis-Galvin	D. Gellman	T. Morris	C. Tepelus
L. Daub	R. Ginty	O. Murray	D. Travis
M. Della	J. Gomez	D. Padernacht	J. Townes
M. Donato	M. Goodman	T. Pardo	S. Villaverde
P. Ellis	E. Green	K. Pesce	M. Wolpoff
D. Escaño-Bell	R. Jacklosky	R. Pochter-Lowe	
M. Esema	R. Kaplan	J. Reyes	

ABSENT (0):

STAFF:

- P. Romano, Community Associate
- T. Ochoteco, Community Coordinator
- C. Gannon, District Manager

GUESTS:

Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Council Member Fernando Cabrera, Sam Liedtka (Assemblyman Dinowitz's Office), Marilex Santana (Bronx DA's Office), Tyler Wong (Sen. Biaggi's office), Mariel de la Cruz (Comptroller Stringer's office), Ishrael Gonzalez (BX BP office), Carlos Muñoz (Senator Rivera's Office), Lorenzo Manzano (CM Dinowitz Office), Constance Barnes, Kartika Fuentes, Tracy Shelton, Chris Petitt, Joselito Severino

Chair Spalter convened the meeting at 7:03PM and welcomed all.

1. GALLERY SESSION:

- Constance Barnes - The Knowledge House: Recruiting high school students who are interested in coding and design. Workforce Group also offered. All programs are free. For more information visit the [knowledgehouse.org](https://www.knowledgehouse.org).
- Kartika Fuentes - The Safe Haven Program: Looking for Spanish speaking families interested in fostering unaccompanied minors separated from their parents at the border. For more information contact kfuentes@lssny.org
- Tracy Shelton - KRVG RE: Discussed the Strategic Impact Grant funded by NYC Department of Small Business Services, – helping merchants and businesses

recover from Covid-19. The target area is Bailey Avenue Merchants and Business Alliance (BAMBA). For more information visit krvcdc.org/bamba.

- Chris Petitt - Founder, Friends of Van Cortlandt Park Trail – 187th Street & Van Cortlandt Park noise issues. Wants to work with the community to find a way to improve the quality-of-life issues in the park.
- Joselito Severino, Owner, Tilila Bar & Grill: Addressed noise complaints from his establishment and expressed willingness to work with the community in hopes of improving relations.

2. REPORT FROM THE 50TH POLICE PRECINCT – CAPTAIN MELENDEZ

- Lawlessness in parks is growing citywide. 1. The 10:00pm curfew will be enforced, and summonses will be issued after first warnings to leave the park. 2. Working closely with Parks Commissioner for another operation this weekend to address mopeds, 3. Will put Van Cortlandt and 187th on precincts radar.
- Crime at the 50th precinct is overall on the decline: The monthly crime statistics in 28 days statistics are: 2 robberies (1 is domestic), 51 assaults compared to 75, 79% reduction in arrests citywide, but only 7.8% arrest reduction in 50th.
- Will balance policing violence with policing quality-of-life issues.
- In response to questions: 1. Synagogue attacker is home under supervision and has not struck since release, 2. Top 311 complaint is about noise but police enforcement is limited as law prohibits giving summonses except in very limited situations, 3. Several gun complaints on Bailey are from one individual seeking to disperse crowds, 4. Allocated two units on every tour to synagogues and other organizations, 5. Precinct is aware of the importance of quality-of-life issues, including Sedgwick Avenue and Reservoir Avenue

3. REPORT FROM THE BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S OFFICE – ISHRAEL GONZALEZ

- Congratulated all reappointed members. New CB appointments should be joining us in September.
- The BP is having an event at the Riverdale Y on Thursday from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – LAURA SPALTER

- Refer to Executive Committee minutes for the full Chair's report.
- Congratulated Rabbi Kaplan on his appointment to the Mayor's Partners Against The Hate committee (PATH).
- Recipients of the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA) and Betty Campbell Adams Most Valuable Merchant (MVM) Awards have been selected. We will have a celebratory event in the Fall.
 - R. Jacklosky announced and provided information on the four (4) CSA winners: 1. Student Veteran's Organization at Manhattan College 2. Van Cortlandt Track Club, 3. Mahnoor Memon, a volunteer at The Riverdale

Neighborhood House, and 4. Yvette Connell, a volunteer with Jerome Park Friends and Neighbors.

- N. Fazio announced and provided information on the two (2) MVM winners: 1. James Langstine, Andrew Dvorkin and Christopher Giudice, proprietors of Bronx Alehouse and 2. Claudia and Richard Berroa, owners of Claudy's Kitchen.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT – DIOMARYS ESCANO-BELL

- D. Escaño-Bell noted that we've allocated \$187,822 from our total budget and we have \$60,846 remaining for FY2021. OTPS we've allocated \$9,048 and have \$20,723 remaining. Balance is lower but not reflected yet in OMB system. Additional supply ordering will also lower the balance.
- No budget modifications this month.

6. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – CIARA GANNON

- Refer to Executive committee minutes for full report.
- Will be sending committee sign-up sheets to board members this week.

7. REPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING – NONE

Secretary L. Daub conducts Roll Call. A quorum is present.

8. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER FERNANDO CABRERA

- Has legislation in to address noise complaints and quality-of-life issues.
- Community Boards will have additional cuts of \$8,000 – he is fighting against these budget cuts.
- Fireworks season is upon us, update to follow.
- Houses of Worship Protection – introduced bill to increase fines for those who vandalize or deface any house of worship. The bill was passed.
- The city budget will be passed in the next three weeks.
- Reservoir Avenue and 195th Street corner renaming to honor salsa singer Celia Cruz.

9. REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC DINOWITZ

- Traveling the entire district setting up mobile offices,
- His office has been doing weekly food giveaways.
- Art Competition initiated to decorate the district office.
- Composting is coming back starting in August. Must sign up. Start talking to management/board now if you live in an apartment building.

- Parks and street cleanups with community groups - please contact his office and they will help facilitate. Adopt a Garbage Can with DSNY
- Senior Centers are re-opening this summer.
- CM Dinowitz was a co-sponsor of bill with CM Cabrera, working with schools to help teach anti-hate education.
- James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center eviction was postponed. Seeking permit to expand services at Farmers' Market.

10. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: J. Reyes

- Thanked the Board Office for their assistance.
- Meeting dates April 15, 23, May 19 reports were distributed
- Made recommendations for two new committee chairs: D. Padernacht for Aging Committee and D. Travis for Traffic & Transportation.
- 1st vote as a slate, Officers: L. Spalter (chair), B. Bender (Vice Chair), L. Daub (Secretary) and Diomarys Escano-Bell (Treasurer), no nominations from the floor. Vote: approved:

In Favor (35): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff. // Opposed (0)

- Nominations for Committee Chairs, 13 committees, C. Tepelus running from floor for Economic Development committee chair.
- No other nominations from the floor.
- Motion to move to close nominations and vote for the rest of the slate except Economic Development. Vote: adopted unanimously.

Both C. Tepelus and N. Fazio spoke about their credentials and experience. The Board voted in favor of N. Fazio (34) S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff. // Vote for C. Tepelus (1): C. Tepelus

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. AGING – L. Daub

- There will be no June meeting.
- Older Adults Centers (new terminology) will reopen sometime this summer.
- Dan Padernacht new chair of Aging Committee.

B. BUDGET – D. GELLMAN

- Thanked everyone for their work on FY23 budget priorities.

- Discussed the process.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – N. FAZIO

- Last meeting was held on May 27th, please refer to the minutes.
- Presentation by SBS on employee trainings (posted on website) as well as NYEDC OAS. If interested, please reach out to the Board office for more information.
- Announcement: NYS will be rolling out pandemic recovery grants program on Thursday, June 10th. \$800m will be distributed, so it is imperative for businesses to apply quickly.
- Next meeting June 24th Women's Business Outreach Center and BOC Capital invited speakers.

D. EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS – S. ALEXANDER

- Refer to May minutes.
- Regarding rise in hate crimes citywide, M. Joyce attended meeting at Manhattan College, The Mitzvah Project, including presentations to H.S. seniors regarding the Holocaust and human rights issues.
- Will reach out to RKA and In-Tech High Schools to discuss the curriculum.

E. ENVIRONMENT & SANITATION – R. FANUZZI

- Organic curbside recycling is restored.
- Important DEP informational session is online about private institutions and companies getting grants for green roofs.
- Coming up on June 16 E&S agenda, joint meeting with Housing focused on Marble Hill. NYCHA properties are excluded from environmental metrics. Wants to put this back in the environmental justice arena.
- The pumping station on Palisades Avenue is in fact a SNAD item. Working with Land Use and L. Spalter on the agenda.

F. HOUSING – T. MORRIS

- Looks forward to joint meeting with E&S and Housing committees
- Interested in partnering with CM Dinowitz's office on food giveaway for the Marble Hill area.

G. LAND USE – C. G. MOERDLER

- Regarding 22 Marble Hill Avenue, C. Moerdler will be in touch with counsel of property owner.

- Moved to vote on **5040 Arlington Avenue:**

Be it resolved that the application requesting a site alteration of an existing single-family residence seeking an authorization to modify the topographic features pursuant to 105-421 of the Special Natural Area District (SNAD) regulations to build an approximately 1,000 sf patio at 5040 Arlington Avenue in the Riverdale neighborhood of Community District 8, Bronx is granted.

VOTE

In Favor (36): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: (1) R. Fanuzzi

Opposed: 0

- Mr. Moerdler discussed the Citywide text amendment and the following resolutions were presented:

1) Zoning for Accessibility

WHEREAS, Zoning for Accessibility seeks to make our transit system more accessible, more quickly and better coordinated with the streets and buildings around it;

WHEREAS, through Zoning for Accessibility, developers would work with the MTA to set aside space where needed for station elevators. It would expand incentives for developers to build elevators and related station upgrades in new, high-density buildings;

WHEREAS, It is a collaboration between the Department of City Planning and Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) alongside the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. The proposal also builds on recommendations from this 2019 City Council report;

WHEREAS, The Department of City Planning referred a zoning text amendment "Elevate Transit- Zoning for Accessibility," and presented to the Land Use Committee on May 3, 2021;

WHEREAS, The Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board No. 8 voted unanimously to approve this zoning text amendment

THEREFORE Be It Resolved, Bronx Community Board No. 8 approves "Elevate Transit- Zoning for Accessibility"

VOTE

In Favor (37): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M.

Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: (0)

Opposed: (0)

2) Citywide Hotels Text Amendment

Mr. Moerdler recused himself from this vote. It failed in committee.

WHEREAS, The Department of City Planning referred a Citywide Hotels Text Amendment and the Department presented at the June 7, 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting;

WHEREAS, The proposed text amendment would create a new special permit for hotel development citywide. It is intended to create a consistent framework for hotel development and ensure that hotels do not negatively affect the surrounding area;

WHEREAS, The proposed zoning change would require City Planning Commission approval for new and enlarged hotels and motels, tourist cabins and boatels in commercial, mixed-use and paired M1/R districts;

WHEREAS, The review process would allow the Commission to ensure that new hotels do not create significant conflicts with surrounding development;

WHEREAS, The new Special Permit requirement would override existing hotel special permit requirements. However, the existing special permit provisions that apply in M1 districts, which require the Commission to make findings specific to industrially zoned areas, will remain in place;

WHEREAS, The Land use Committee voted against this zoning text amendment at the June 7, 2021 committee meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 rejects this zoning text amendment.

VOTE

In Favor (33): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R.

Kaplan, L. Lopez, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: (1) N. Fazio

Present but ineligible to vote (1) C. Moerdler

Opposed: (2) - J. Reyes, C. Tepelus

3) Proposed FRESH Amendment

WHEREAS, The Department of City Planning is proposing to update and expand the FRESH food stores program. The update would bring the FRESH program to more communities across the city, among other changes to ensure FRESH stores are evenly distributed and financially viable;

WHEREAS, The Land Use Committee opposed the FRESH Amendment on June 7, 2021;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8, rejects this zoning text amendment.

VOTE

In Favor (26): B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esemá, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (11): C. Tepelus, R. Ginty, L. Spalter, L. Daub, J. Townes, S. Alexander, R. Singh, M. Goodman, D. Gellman, R. Pochter- Lowe, R. Kaplan

Opposed: 0

4) Health & Fitness Text Amendment

Proposal to amend the Zoning Resolution to modify regulations related to gyms, spas, licensed massage therapy, and other health and fitness facilities defined as "Physical Culture or Health Establishments." The proposed text amendment will remove the requirement for such facilities to receive a special permit by the Board of Standards and Appeals (ZR 73-36).

1st VOTE – To approve the text amendment subject to the removal of a Community Facilities Bonus as a condition

In Favor (13): S. Alexander, J. Campbell Priveterre, L. Daub, M. Della, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, C.G. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, L. Spalter

Abstained (9): M. Esema, N. Fazio, M. Joyce, L. Lopez, T. Morris, O. Murray, T. Pardo, R. Singh, S. Villaverde

Opposed (15): B. Bender, C. Dastis-Galvin, M. Donato, R. Fanuzzi, M. Goodman, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, M. Wolpoff

Motion to amend the agenda approved.

2nd VOTE – To approve the original text amendment as presented by the Department of City Planning at the Land Use Committee

In Favor (15): M. Wolpoff, D. Travis, C. Tepelus, R. Singh, J. Reyes, T. Pardo, R. Kaplan, R. Jacklosky, J. Gomez, N. Fazio, R. Fanuzzi, M. Esema, C. Dastis-Galvin, J. Campbell Priveterre, B. Bender

Abstained (20): S. Villaverde, J. Townes, L. Spalter, G. Santiago, R. Pochter-Lowe, D. Padernacht, O. Murray, T. Morris, C. Moerdler, M. Joyce, E. Green, M. Goodman, R. Ginty, D. Gellman, Escaño-Bell, P. Ellis, M. Donato, M. Della, L. Daub, S. Alexander

Opposed (1): K. Pesce

H. LAW, RULES & ETHICS – M. WOLPOFF

- Term limits chart distributed to board members. Please reach out with any questions for clarification. Those who were re-appointed this year have 3 2-year terms remaining, those who were re-appointed last year, also have 3 2-year terms remaining. After a year break, members can be reappointed again.

I. PARKS – R. GINTY

- Please refer to May minutes.
- Next meeting June 23rd

J. PUBLIC SAFETY – E. GREEN

- Presented 9 renewal applications and 3 new applications: The board voted on all 12 resolutions simultaneously.

The following resolutions were presented:

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Game Day Sports Bar, located at 5757 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 2021 to renew the establishment's liquor license and apply for a Method of Operation Change.

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.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of AOYU Sushi, Inc., located at 3532A Johnson Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Punto De Sabor Express, located at 200A W 231st St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Keenans, located at 5588 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Liebman's Deli, located at 552 W 235th St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Kia Fan, located at 3717 Riverdale Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Cocina Chente Mexican Cuisine, located at 3535 Riverdale Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Downeys Bar and Grill located at 5790 Mosholu Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Tortoise & Hare, located at 6115 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 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.

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

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of 216-222 W 242nd St., located at 220 W 242nd St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 2021 to apply for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated this location was previously occupied by Barcelona Bites, a chronically problematic establishment, but the new owner appears to have no connection to the previous owner or business at this location.

WHEREAS, a 2AM closing time agreement was signed by the owner of this establishment that is to last for the duration of the first year of business operation.

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, Representatives of Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant, located at 5586 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 2021 to apply for a new 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

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

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Savor Coffee and More Inc., located at appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 2021 to apply for a new 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
**(contingent upon the Owner signing a 2AM closing time agreement)*.*

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

VOTE ON 12 Resolutions

In Favor (37): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: (0)

Opposed (0)

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Silhouette Restaurant Lounge Corp., located at 5666-5668 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 2021 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated, in the past, Silhouette Restaurant Lounge has been problematic, caters to large groups of people and were in the process of expanding. He stated the 50th Precinct wanted to do an on-site survey visit tomorrow (6/2/21) to the establishment to see if there was anything to be concerned about.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee approved this application.

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

VOTE on Silhouette

In favor (32): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, T. Morris, O. Murray, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (5): M. Donato, C. Moerdler, D. Padernacht, R. Ginty, D. Gellman
Opposed: 0

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

The Public Safety Committee did not approve the renewal application for Tilila Bar & Grille at its June 1st meeting but wanted additional information. Board members conducted a robust discussion. There were significant noise and parking complaints from the community that were not addressed by the owners until the past few weeks. The license expired so a motion to postpone a vote did not move forward. N. Fazio suggested MEND NY to resolve concerns. C. Tepelus presented an amended resolution to approve the license renewal subject to participation in MEND NYC (or similar program – suggested by S. Villaverde) and monitoring by CB8. The refined amended resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, Representatives of Tilila Bar & Grill Inc., located at 3648 Bailey Ave., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 1st, 2021 to renew the establishment's liquor license.

WHEREAS, Captain Melendez, Commanding Officer of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated the noise has been out of control at this establishment and he is adverse to issuing liquor licenses to businesses that continue to flaunt the noise after they've been asked numerous times to desist.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the renewal of the liquor license conditioned that the establishment engages with the MEND NYC program (Mediating Establishment and Neighborhood Disputes), or other similar available mediation programs, and noting the continued monitoring by the CB8 of noise or other residential complaints concerning the establishment.

VOTE on Tilila Bar & Grill as Amended:

In Favor (31): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, P. Ellis, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (5): D. Escaño-Bell, D. Padernacht, R. Ginty, M. Joyce, M. Donato

Opposed (1): D. Gellman

K. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – D. PADERNACHT

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation ("NYC DOT") requested that Bronx Community Board 8 give advice on a resident request to alter the flow of traffic on West 238th Street between Sedgwick Avenue and Cannon Place from a two-way street to a one-way street which would travel westbound only;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 opposes the conversion of West 238th Street between Sedgwick Avenue and Cannon Place from a two-way street to a one-way street.

VOTE

In Favor (29): B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (8): C. Moerdler, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, C. Dastis-Galvin, R. Singh, N. Fazio, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Alexander

Opposed (0)

- Con Edison is starting a large gas main project in Kingsbridge Heights which will go through the summer.
- D. Padernacht congratulated D. Travis as the new chair of Traffic & Transportation.
- Next meeting June 17th
- L. Spalter thanked D. Padernacht for his service as chair of Traffic & Transportation.

L. YOUTH – J. GOMEZ

- Referred board members to May committee minutes.
- Next meeting date is Monday, June 21.

M. HEALTH, HOSPITALS & SOCIAL SERVICES – O. MURRAY

- Next meeting tomorrow June 9
- Guest speakers from Moderna and Pfizer will discuss the status of CoVID-19 vaccinations.

N. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERAN'S SERVICES – S. VILLAVERDE

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, currently there are approximately 22 million veterans living in the United States and approximately 33,000 live in The Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 supports all efforts to assist those who have served in the armed forces of the United States especially those who have returned to be residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the needs of veterans can involve jobs, education, housing, health and mental health, financial assistance and support services; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has created a Department of Veterans' Services and the Bronx Borough President has called upon the borough's community boards to form committees to address the needs of our veterans;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to give consideration to the needs of our veterans in cooperation with community groups, elected officials, government agencies, and any other stakeholders in a public and inclusive manner;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2021 Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution to re- establish a Special Committee on Veterans Services;

BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of our By-laws, this Special Committee be reauthorized in order to continue to hold public meetings or informational forums and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the issues concerning our residents who are United States Veterans;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be comprised of five (5) members who shall be Sergio Villaverde, chair, Julia Gomez, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Louis Lopez, and Herb Barret;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson of the Board, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

VOTE

In Favor (37): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

O. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY – J. TOWNES

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution on June 9, 2020, that consideration of systemic racism and inequality should be addressed under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020 Bronx Community Board 8 established a Special Committee on Racial Equity to initiate consideration of addressing systemic racism and inequality in a thoughtful, transparent and inclusive manner; and

WHEREAS, a framework is needed in order to research, consider and identify

issues of inequity within the purview of Bronx Community Board 8 and its committees that affect our diverse communities and to propose recommendations for addressing such issues; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 reauthorizes the Special Committee on Racial Equity to continue research, consideration, and identification of issues of inequity in Community Board 8, and to make recommendations to the Community Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee shall be comprised of Jyll Townes (Chair), Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Bob Fanuzzi, Julie Reyes, and Ramdat Singh;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee shall engage members of the Community Board and the community in undertaking its work and shall be inclusive of their expertise, resources, and experience;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the bylaws, the Special Committee be discontinued following the next annual Board election unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by declaration of the newly elected Board chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

VOTE

In Favor (37): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: (0)

Opposed: 0

P. SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY – B. BENDER

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers, providing runners, walkers, people with disabilities, cyclists and others an enjoyable riverfront experience with a superb view of the Palisades, as well as access to the Greenway to the

north and the Greenway to the south, so that a continuous Greenway runs from Manhattan to Westchester;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has resolved that consideration of an all-river Greenway route should continue under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8 in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to continue the consideration of an all-river Greenway route in an efficient, transparent and inclusive manner;

BE IT RESOLVED that THE Special Committee ON THE HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY CONTINUE to hold public meetings and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the creation of an all river Greenway route;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be comprised of three members who shall be Bob Bender, Dan Padernacht and Laura Spalter;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee shall select a Chairperson by majority vote of its three members;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Special Committee be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

VOTE

In Favor (36): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, L. Lopez, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained (1): C. G. Moerdler

Opposed: 0

12. APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF May 11, 2021

A motion was placed to approve the minutes and seconded by R. Singh

VOTE

In Favor (37): S. Alexander, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, C. Dastis-Galvin, L. Daub, M. Della, E. Dinowitz, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escaño-Bell, M. Esema, R. Fanuzzi,

N. Fazio, D. Gellman R. Ginty, J. Gomez, M. Goodman, E. Green, R. Jacklosky, M. Joyce, C. G. Moerdler, T. Morris, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, T. Pardo, K. Pesce, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tepelus, D. Travis, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstained: (0)

Opposed: (0)

13. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - None

Motion to Adjourn at 11:07 PM, seconded and passed by unanimous consent.

Prepared By: Tania Ochoteco, Community Coordinator

Reviewed By: Lisa Daub, Secretary