



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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Laura Spalter, Chairperson

Ciara Gannon, District Manager

NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

OFFICERS:

Vice Chairperson
Bob Bender

Secretary
Robert Jacklosky

Treasurer
Joyce Campbell-Priveterre

The regular Board Meeting of Bronx Community Board 8 will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM.**

NOTE: The Nominating Committee will meet after adjournment.

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

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging
Daniel Padernacht

Budget
David Gellman

Economic Development
Nicholas Fazio

Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
Sylvia Alexander

Environment & Sanitation
Robert Fanuzzi

Health, Hospitals & Social Services
Omar Murray

Housing
Theodore R. Morris II

Land Use
Charles G. Moerdler

Law, Rules & Ethics
Martin Wolpoff

Parks & Recreation
Ramdat Singh

Public Safety
Edward Green

Traffic & Transportation
Debra Travis

Youth
Julia Gomez

AGENDA

1. Public Gallery Session
2. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
3. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. District Manager's Report
7. Report from the NYC Department of City Planning
8. Roll Call
9. Election of Nominating Committee
10. Committee Report:
 - a) Housing
 - b) Land Use
 - c) Law, Rules & Ethics
 - d) Parks & Recreation
 - e) Public Safety
 - f) Traffic & Transportation
 - g) Youth
 - h) Aging
 - i) Budget
 - j) Economic Development
 - k) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
 - l) Environment & Sanitation
 - m) Health, Hospitals & Social Services
 - n) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
 - o) Special Committee on Racial Equity
 - p) Special Committee on Veteran Services
11. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2022
12. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 8, 2022
13. Miscellaneous Business

Laura Spalter
Chairperson

NOTICE OF MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2022-2023

The newly elected Nominating Committee shall select one of the below publicly noticed dates and by public notice announce cancellation of the others.

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
April 12, 2022	Following adjournment of Full Board Meeting
April 13, 2022	6:00 PM
April 20, 2022	7:00 PM
April 25, 2022	6:00 PM

The Nominating Committee



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.

Resolution to Approve FY 2022 Budget Modification

WHEREAS, the Treasurer and District Manager of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared a budget modification for the remainder of FY 22

BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 approves the budget modification

Description	Original	MOD	Final Budget
Supplies and Materials – General	\$ 7,000	\$ 6,214	\$ 13,714
Printing Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
Postage	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Telecommunications Equipment	\$ 250	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,750
Office Furniture	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,500
Office Equipment	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
Security Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Purchases of Data Processing Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
DOIT Phone Expenses	\$ 2,570	\$ -	\$ 2,570
Contractual Expenditures - General	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
Advertising	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
Local Travel Expenditures - General	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Other Expenditures - General	\$ 18,714	(18,714)	\$ -
Contractual Services - General	\$ 500	\$ 5000	\$ 500
Maintenance and Repairs - General - Contractual	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
Cleaning Services - Contractual	\$ 5,000	500	\$ 5500
Prompt Payments Interest	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Total	\$ 39,734	\$18,714	\$ 35,234

Land Use Committee
Bronx Community Board No. 8
Resolution: 50th Precinct ADA accessible entrance

At the Land Use meeting held on April 4, 2022, Bronx Community Board 8 passed the following resolution with a vote of 10 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

VOTE: In Favor (10): C. Moerdler, M. Wolpoff, S. Alexander, B. Bender, N. Fazio, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, D. Padernacht, J. Reyes, C. Tepelus

RESOLVED, the Land Use committee of Community Board 8, Bronx County makes the following findings and recommendations:

1. That the proposed ADA accessible rear door entrance to the 50th precinct is approved subject to the erection of legible ADA compliant signage in front of the building stating clearly and in bold lettering where that rear entrance is and how to proceed to it and, that the intercom to be installed along side of that rear door be at ADA height and readily accessible and usable 24 hours a day.
2. Since accessibility is the underlying issue being addressed it extends as well to the issue of accessibility by the public through the front door of the building which currently has and requires people to ascend an interior staircase. Therefore, the Land Use committee calls upon the Police Department and the City of New York to take such steps as may appear permissible to improve the front door access so as to allow handicapped or otherwise disabled persons ready access through the front door of the 50th precinct.

RESOLVED, that the rear door entrance be of a kind as will allow handicapped passengers of a motor vehicle to have access through such rear door and to the intercom.

Traffic and Transportation Committee
Bronx Community Board No. 8
Resolution from March 31, 2022 Meeting

WHEREAS, the Bronx Department of Transportation (DOT) presented on March 31st, 2022 to the Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee a street safety plan for Riverdale Avenue between West 254th Street and West 263rd Street (the city line), which would involve converting four travel lanes to two travel lanes with a left-turn center bay and bike lanes on each side of the street;

WHEREAS, in October, 2017, the North Riverdale Merchants Association presented its Streetscape Report of a similar design, which was rejected by Community Board 8 in December of 2017;

WHEREAS, In January 2018, Community Board 8 received notice from the Department of Transportation that “DOT does not have plans or studies underway to implement these conversions recommended in the Streetscape Report and DOT will take the Board’s comments into consideration as we review any future proposals.”;

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 was not involved with the planning process, nor was the public able to review this plan prior to the presentation;

WHEREAS, Riverdale Avenue is the main commercial and travel artery in North Riverdale and home to many businesses, including Skyview Shopping Center, many schools, including P. S. 81, St. Margaret of Cortona School, SAR High School, the College of Mount St. Vincent, two houses of worship, a post office, many co-op buildings and private residences, and six city bus lines including the Metro North Rail link;

WHEREAS, the Board has not received additional traffic studies as requested, and accident data provided is from 2015-2019 predating impacts of two speed cameras installed at P.S. 81 and St. Margaret of Cortona School;

WHEREAS, more than 200 people attended the March 31st, 2022 Traffic and Transportation meeting and the overwhelming majority were opposed to DOT’s plan and raised many issues about the adverse impacts of reducing four travel lanes to two travel lanes, severe traffic congestion due to six city buses, double parking during school drop-offs, school buses, and truck deliveries;

WHEREAS, the plan does not account for problematic merging of traffic at 254th Street, when cars exit Henry Hudson Parkway and Henry Hudson Service Road - and at 263rd Street, where city buses must turn around and often double park, - and traffic from Yonkers, which has four lanes that must merge with one travel lane going south;

WHEREAS, to improve safety, Bronx Community Board 8 has long endorsed Assembly Member Dinowitz’s request that DOT install left turn signals at 256th and 259th streets northbound and we urge that this be done first before making major changes to the Riverdale Avenue design;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 rejects DOT’s proposal as presented.

Committee Vote:

In Favor: Kelli Buford, Christopher Calhoun, Mary Ellen Gibbs (CCM), Edward Green, Georgia Santiago

Opposed: David Gellman, Debra Travis

Abstain: None

Traffic and Transportation Committee
Bronx Community Board No. 8
SAPO Request for Johnson Avenue
from March 31, 2022 Meeting

WHEREAS, the Riverdale YMHA presented their plan for a one-time Sunday pop-up market on Johnson Avenue on May 22nd in support of a full street closure permit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Community Board 8 supports the permit for the full street closure on May 22nd on Johnson Avenue between West 235th Street and West 236th Street.

Committee Vote:

Favor: Debra Travis, Kelli Buford, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Christopher Calhoun, David Gellman, Edward Green,

Oppose: None

RESOLUTIONS
Public Safety Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
March 15th, 2022

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, a Representative of Blackstone Bar & Grill, located at 3713 Riverdale Ave, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on March 15th, 2022 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, E. Green, M. Joyce, R. Kaplan, G. Santiago, S. Vasquez, S. Villaverde

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

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

NEW APPLICATION & TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, A Representative of 220 Osteria LLC, located at 220 West 242nd Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on March 15th, 2022 to apply for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated there were prior disturbances at this location, connected to a previous business, but are unaware of any connection between the previous business and the applicant.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

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

LETTER REQUESTED FOR METHOD OF OPERATION CHANGE: Recorded, Karaoke & Live Music.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant, located at 5586 Broadway, received notice from the State Liquor Authority that their application needed to be amended to operate in accordance with SLA guidelines, and they obtain a letter from Bronx Community Board 8 stating the Board approves of the establishment's decision to play Recorded, Karaoke and Live music.

WHEREAS, Representatives of Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant appeared before the Public Safety Committee on March 15th, 2022 and requested Bronx Community Board 8 send a letter to the State Liquor Authority, indicating the Board approves of their establishment playing Recorded, Karaoke and Live Music.

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

WHEREAS, the owners of Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant own and operate El Economico Restaurant, located at 5589 Broadway, a longstanding establishment in the community with no prior disturbances or complaints.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved the request of Caribe Bites Bar & Restaurant for a letter to be sent by Bronx Community Board 8 to the State Liquor Authority, stating the Board approves of their establishment playing Recorded, Karaoke and Live music.

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

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

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