

**Minutes of the Economic Development Committee, Bronx Community Board 8  
Tuesday, February 6, 2024  
In-person meeting held at Artizen NYC, 3700 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY**

Committee Members in Attendance: Nicholas Fazio (Chair), Miguel Matos (Community Committee Member), and Rhashida Hilliard

Absent Members: Joy Campbell Priveterre (Vice Chair); Julia Gomez; Constance Barnes-Watson

Guests: Laura Levine-Pinedo, KRVC; Steve Caruso, DSNY

Community Board 8: Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager), Josh Land (Board Member)

- I. Chair called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm**
- II. Chair's Report: N. Fazio
  - A. Chair Fazio thanked Artizen NYC for hosting the meeting of CB's Economic Development Committee (the Committee)
  - B. The chair expressed condolences to the family and friends of CB 8 and Kingsbridge BID Board Member Margaret Donato.
  - C. The chair thanked members of the Economic Development Committee (the Committee) for the time they dedicated to the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity.
  - D. The chair asked the Committee to review the updated guidelines for permanent outdoor dining. The Board Office invited DOT to present at an upcoming meeting of the Committee. Merchants can find more information by referencing (<https://www.diningoutnyc.info/>).
- III. Report from Bronx Chamber of Commerce: Miguel Matos
  - A. Mr. Matos announced that he had attended the MWBE workshop at Hostos Community College. The Bronx Chamber of Commerce offers assistance for merchants who are interested in obtaining MWBE certification.
  - B. Mr. Matos discussed the Community Leaders Grant and the Citizens Committee for NYC Neighborhood Business Grant. Merchants can reference <https://www.citizensnyc.org/> for more information or email [businessgrants@citizensnyc.org](mailto:businessgrants@citizensnyc.org).
- IV. KRVC/4Bronx New Grant for Riverdale Merchants and Bronx Merchant opportunities presented by Laura Levine-Pinedo.

- A. Ms. Levine-Pinedo stated that KRVC was awarded SBS’s Strategic Impact Grant and indicated that they will use the funding for neighborhood beautification activities, merchant networking events, small business workshops, and promotional campaigns, including "Small Business Week," monthly podcasts, and videos (“the Small Business Spotlight”). She also announced that KRVC will use funds to create a mural on West 236<sup>th</sup> Street near Riverdale Avenue.
  - B. Visit <https://www.505bx.org/krvc.html> for more information about the various initiatives related to the Strategic Impact Grant.
- V. NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY): Commercial Containerization and Illegal Street Vending Enforcement  
Stephen Caruso from DSNY, Community Affairs.
- A. Mr. Caruso discussed the change to commercial containerization and how it will impact merchants. He stated the new regulations include earlier set-out times and rules regarding containerizing trash and storing containers.  
Merchants should reference <https://www.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/resources/recycling-and-garbage-laws/use-bins/commercial-containerization> for more information about the regulations.
  - B. Mr. Caruso explained the new commercial carting zones and how the program will impact businesses. Each zone will have three commercial carters. Merchants can direct complaints about service or pricing to DSNY. Mr. Caruso provided dates for upcoming webinars (schedule attached in the appendix).
    1. Map of zones: <https://dsny.cityofnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/businesses/cwz-map.pdf>
    2. Awardees by zone: <https://dsny.cityofnewyork.us/wp-content/uploads/businesses/cwz-awardees-by-zone.pdf>
  - C. Mr. Caruso announced that DSNY has taken over NYC’s Graffiti Removal program from EDC. The Board Office can submit service requests to DSNY, which will contact the appropriate property owner (s) to arrange the removal (information attached).
  - D. Mr. Caruso stated that DSNY is now cleaning highways and overpasses. He asked residents to submit 311 requests for trash and litter clean-ups and indicated that the Board Office could follow up by emailing him and the district’s designated liaison.
  - E. The Committee and members in attendance discussed the issue of illegal street vending. Mr. Caruso explained the nuances of the

regulations and various agencies involved. However, he indicated that DSNY will investigate specific complaints submitted through the Board Office.

- VI. Budget Item Discussion FY 2026
  - A. Committee members discussed last year’s budget proposals (FY 2025) and proposal ideas for FY 2026.
  - B. The chair asked committee members to review the spreadsheet on Google Sheets and to enter ideas for discussion at the next meeting:
  - C. DM Farrah Rubin provided information regarding the upcoming public hearing on agency responses to FY 2025 requests.
  - D. Attendees asked about the Committee’s funding request for the proposed digital currency and rewards app (“Bronx Bucks”). The chair explained the concept, the Committee’s research into the proposal, and their intentions to include it in FY 26 proposals as a “Capital” request.
  
- VII. Outstanding Business/ New Business
  - A. The Committee discussed a possible March commercial corridor walkthrough and set a tentative date of March 8. The committee members in attendance suggested inviting SBS’s Business Express Service Team and a DOT representative to share information with merchants about the rules for Permanent Outdoor Dining.
  - B. District Manager Rubin discussed the timeline of the Betty Campbell Adams MVM Award and the launch of the nominating period on February 15. Residents can submit nominations to the board office until March 15.
  - C. The Committee and members in attendance discussed the Office of the Comptroller’s report on the Kingsbridge BID’s compliance issues.
  
- VIII. Approval of Minutes: January 4, 2024
  - A. The Committee agreed to table without a quorum until the next meeting.
  
- IX. Adjournment – 9:00 pm**

Nick Fazio submitted the minutes on Wednesday, February 7, 2024.

### Appendix

Please see below message from the NYC Department of Sanitation:

Starting March 1, 2024, **all businesses in NYC must use bins with secure lids when setting out trash** for collection. This new rule is an important step in keeping our streets clean!

This rule applies to any business in New York City, regardless of what is sold. **Any perishable material (trash or organic material) must be in a bin with a secure lid** when set out on the curb for collection. This requirement does not apply to businesses that have waste collected from a loading dock.

### Store bins inside or outside

Bins should be stored inside or in a rear yard if possible. If space is not available, bins can be stored within three (3) feet of the building line when not set out for collection. Bins must be maintained in a neat and orderly manner and always allow for a clear path of pedestrian travel on the sidewalk.

### Join an info session!

Need more information to prepare your business? Join one of our trainings, held weekly through March:

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Registration Link
February 12	3:00 pm	(Spanish) <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a6b8f369-8338-400d-b436-31653f79889b@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/a6b8f369-8338-400d-b436-31653f79889b@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef</a>
February 21	10:00 am	<a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/16781dde-9de0-46b0-bd18-800d6173eb7e@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/16781dde-9de0-46b0-bd18-800d6173eb7e@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef</a>
February 26	1:00 pm	(Chinese) <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/aaffc80f-8353-4f8e-a213-87f3d97e5237@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/aaffc80f-8353-4f8e-a213-87f3d97e5237@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef</a>
March 7	5:00 pm	<a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/249aeace-381f-4164-804a-d34f9b885f6a@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/249aeace-381f-4164-804a-d34f9b885f6a@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef</a>
March 15	10:00 am	(Spanish) <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/c2cee688-1622-47a0-ae75-4ee1e8d7071c@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/c2cee688-1622-47a0-ae75-4ee1e8d7071c@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef</a>
March 19	3:00 pm	(Chinese) <a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/5578d4ac-b96f-414c-a5ad-deebcb33f8d6@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/5578d4ac-b96f-414c-a5ad-deebcb33f8d6@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef</a>
March 25	5:00 pm	<a href="https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/f85b6b9d-6c69-4b4e-">https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/f85b6b9d-6c69-4b4e-</a>

If you're unable to make an info session, please go to [nyc.gov/usebins](https://nyc.gov/usebins) for more information.

As a reminder:

- The **food-related business containerization rule is in effect as of 8/1/2023**. All catering establishments, food manufacturers, food preparation establishments, food service establishments, food wholesalers, and retail food stores must use a bin to keep streets clean and avoid a fine.
- The **chain business containerization rule is in effect as of 9/5/2023**. This includes all businesses with five or more locations in New York City.

### Recycling

- Bins with secure lids can be set out at the curb 1 hour before closing
- Clear bags can only be used after 8:00 pm



## FOREVER GRAFFITI FREE FORM

### CONSENT TO ENTER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

This form may be completed and submitted electronically at [www.nyc.gov/311](http://www.nyc.gov/311)

If you submit this form, you will no longer receive a "Notice of Intent to Remove Graffiti" each time graffiti is reported on your property. Your property will be automatically queued for cleaning each time a new incident is reported.

There is currently **GRAFFITI** on my property
  There is currently **NO GRAFFITI** on my property

#### STEP 1 READ AND SIGN

As the Property Owner or authorized representative of the Property Owner, I grant consent to the City to enter the property identified below in "Step 2" for the purpose of removing graffiti. For the purposes of this Consent, "the City" means personnel and equipment of the City of New York, and/or its contractors, subcontractors, or agents. The City may remove graffiti in the manner it deems appropriate, including but not limited to, by power-washing, painting or the use of chemical solvents.

The City will, in good faith, attempt to remove the graffiti from the property. However, by signing below, I understand that: 1) the graffiti removal services shall be performed as deemed appropriate by the City; 2) the City does not in any way obligate itself to perform any graffiti removal services other than those deemed appropriate by the City; and 3) the City assumes no responsibility if the area cleaned or painted by the City does not match the remainder of the property, or if some residue of existing graffiti remains. I indemnify and hold the City harmless from any liability for physical injury, death, or property damage arising from the performance of graffiti removal services on the property pursuant to this Consent, unless such liability arises entirely from actions or conduct of the City, and/or its contractors or agents. This Consent shall be effective until terminated in writing by the Property Owner, or by the Authorized Representative of the Owner.

Please Check One:

- Property Owner
  Authorized Representative of Owner

By signing below I hereby certify to the City that I am either the Property Owner or an Authorized Representative of the Property Owner with authority to act on behalf of the Property Owner.

Signature	Date
Print Name	Property Owner Name (if signed by Authorized Representative)
	Property Owner Phone Number

#### STEP 2 PROVIDE ADDRESS OF BUILDING WHERE GRAFFITI APPEARS

Street Address	Borough	Zip Code
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Where Graffiti is Located on the Building:

On a roll-down gate
  On the ground floor
  On the second or third floor
  Above the third floor

#### STEP 3 PROVIDE ON-SITE CONTACT INFORMATION

On-Site Contact Name	On-Site Contact Phone Number
On-Site Contact Email	Business Name (if applicable)

#### STEP 4 PROVIDE CLEANING SPECIFICATIONS (e.g. paint or power-wash, color of paint, etc.)

#### STEP 5 RETURN BY MAIL OR FAX TO:

Mail: Department of Sanitation Customer Service Unit 59 Maiden Lane, 5th Floor New York, NY 10038	Fax: (646) 613-1883
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It is recommended that you retain a copy of the completed form and alert any tenants or lessees of the upcoming graffiti cleaning.

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