



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8



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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

OFFICERS:

Vice Chairperson
Sergio Villaverde

Secretary
Margaret Della

Treasurer
Joy Campbell Priveterre

Immediate Past Chairperson
Laura Spalter

DATE: Tuesday, April 9, 2024

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

PLACE: Ethical Culture Fieldston School –
3901 Fieldston Road Building 600

Campus Map link: Parking & Entrance available through the lower school parking lot
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zuwtYSJxIIVelJxdyj3K9CSpSdyP7_5F/view?usp=drive

Members of the public may attend via zoom or in person.

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging
Oscar Martinez

Budget
David Gellman

Economic Development
Nicholas R. Fazio

Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
Sylvia Alexander

Environment & Sanitation
Daniel Rowen

Health, Hospitals & Social Services
Rabbi Bob Kaplan

Housing
Rosemary Ginty

Land Use
Charles G. Moerdler

Law, Rules & Ethics
Martin Wolpoff

Parks & Recreation
Debra Travis

Public Safety
Edward Green

Traffic & Transportation
Kelli Buford

Youth
Dr. Julia T. Gomez

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

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone: +1(646) 558-8656 Pin: 2114033690#

Board Members must attend in-person unless they receive a written pre-approved exemption from the Chairperson in writing. Members must keep their video on, and name displayed throughout the meeting.

*See Bronx Community Board 8's Procedures for Hybrid Meetings [LINKED HERE](#)

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Report from the Mayor's Office
- 4 Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
5. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
6. Council Member's Report
 - Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
 - Council Member Eric Dinowitz
 - Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
7. Elected Officials Reports
8. Roll Call
9. Election of Nominating Committee
10. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions

11. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
12. District Manager's Report
13. By 7:45 P.M. Committee Reports and Resolutions
 - a) Economic Development
 - b) Traffic & Transportation
 - c) Public Safety
 - d) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
 - e) Law, Rules & Ethics
 - f) Environment & Sanitation
 - g) Youth
 - h) Aging
 - i) Budget
 - j) Health, Hospitals & Social Services
 - k) Housing
 - l) Parks & Recreation
 - m) Land Use
 - n) Special Committee on Racial Equity
 - o) Special Committee on Veteran Services
 - p) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
14. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024
15. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024
16. Miscellaneous
17. Next Meeting: May 14, 2024
 - ** The Nominating Committee meeting following tonight's Board meeting.
18. 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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

SAPO Application:

North Riverdale Block Party (May 19, 2024)

WHEREAS, the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) presented its intent to hold a block party on Riverdale Avenue from W 257th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, May 19, 2024, from 11 AM to 8 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and

WHEREAS, RMSA held similar events in May 2022, and June 2023 without any issues or complaints; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will coordinate with the Board Office and MTA to modify impacted bus operations; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will maintain a 15-foot emergency lane through the center lane; and

WHEREAS, the North Riverdale Block Party received favorable feedback from the community after the other events; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that subject to the receipt of adequate plans regarding bus operations and rerouting and establishment of a 15-foot emergency lane Bronx Community Board 8 supports the issuance of a permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold a block party on Riverdale Avenue from W 257th to W 259th Street (the North Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, May 19, 2024, from 11 AM to 8 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

Traffic & Transportation Committee
March 21, 2024
Resolution

RE: HENRY HUDSON PARKWAY AT W 232ND STREET

WHEREAS, at the February 15, 2024 meeting of the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee (the Committee), the Committee requested that the NYS Department of Transportation request its contractor to remove equipment and materials stored on the south sidewalk of the Henry Hudson Parkway overpass at W 232nd Street to allow pedestrians to safely cross the street; and

WHEREAS, at the March 21, 2024 T&T Committee meeting, NYS Department of Transportation reported that the contractor informed that use of the sidewalk to store equipment and material was essential to construction operations; and

WHEREAS, the T&T Committee determined that the closure of the south sidewalk of the Henry Hudson Parkway overpass at W 232nd Street adversely impacts pedestrian safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 requests that NYS Department of Transportation remove the equipment and materials being stored on the south sidewalk of the Henry Hudson Parkway overpass at W 232nd Street to allow pedestrians to safely cross at the intersection.

Traffic & Transportation Committee
March 21, 2024
Resolution

RE: INTERSECTION OF VAN CORTLANDT PARK SOUTH AND BAILEY AVENUE

WHEREAS, at the February 15, 2024 meeting of the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee (the Committee), the NYC Department of Transportation presented plans to redesign the intersection of Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Avenue (the Proposed Redesign); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Redesign will increase traffic congestion in the surrounding area and cause increased traffic along the Major Deegan Expressway approaching at exit 11; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Redesign will exacerbate the major backups already occurring at that intersection and does not take into account the harmful impact the increased traffic will have on the community, including increased congestion and pollution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 (CB 8, Bronx) opposes the NYC Department of Transportation proposal to redesign the intersection of Van Cortlandt Park South (VCPS) and Bailey Avenue (the Proposed Redesign), including the closure of the slip lanes at the northbound off ramp of the Major Deegan Expressway, Exit 11, and the removal of the slip lane from the eastbound lane of VCPS turning southbound onto Bailey Ave; and be it

RESOLVED, that CB 8, Bronx opposes the Proposed Redesign as closure of the slip lanes will adversely affect tractor trailers by reducing the turning radius and create a hazard to other vehicles and pedestrians and increase congestion and pollution in the area; and be it

RESOLVED, that CB 8, Bronx opposes the closure of the slip at the southwest corner of the intersection of VCPS and Bailey Avenue and the addition of a concrete bulb as closure of the slip and creation of the bulb will create a traffic hazard as large vehicles will have difficulty turning; and be it

RESOLVED, that CB 8, Bronx requests that NYC DOT thoroughly investigate the creation of a sidewalk/bike lane alongside the off ramp of the Major Deegan Expressway; and be it

RESOLVED, that CB 8, Bronx requests that NYC DOT halt implementation of the Proposed Redesign until the traffic studies recommended by the CB 8, Bronx T&T Committee are fully investigated and findings are reported to CB 8, Bronx and presented to the T&T Committee for community input, including any design changes, prior to any final decision and implementation of the Proposed Redesign, currently slated for May 2024.

RESOLUTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
March 19th, 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Normand Rodrigue, a Representative of William E. Irwin Jr Post 774 American Legion Inc., located at 3035-37 Corlear Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on March 19th, 2024, to renew this 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, Michael Tafet, a Representative of Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course, located at 115 Van Cortlandt Park South, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on March 19th, 2024, to renew this 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, Evon Neoh, a Representative of Baby Crab Seafood & Grill, located at 5740 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on March 19th, 2024, to renew this 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.

ELCA Committee
March 26, 2024
RESOLUTION SAPO Application

Lag Baomer Picnic

WHEREAS Rabbi Shemtov of the Chabad of Riverdale has submitted SAPO application for an event to celebrate Lag Baomer with a block party PICNIC ON May 26,2024.

WHEREAS The street closing will take place on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue & Douglas Avenue from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

WHEREAS This event has been held successfully in the past.

WHEREAS the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee unanimously approves of the event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Bronx Community Board 8 approves this event.

ELCA Committee
March 26, 2024
RESOLUTION SAPO Application

Lag Baomer Picnic

WHEREAS Rabbi Shemtov of the Chabad of Riverdale has submitted a SAPO Application for an event to be held May 26,2024 to celebrate Lag Baomer with a Block Party PICNIC.

WHEREAS The street closing will take place at West 235 Street between Independence Avenue & Douglas Avenue from 4:00pm to 10:30pm.

WHEREAS This event has been held successfully in the past.

WHEREAS the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee approves of the event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Bronx Community Board 8 approves this event.

ELCA Committee
March 26, 2024
RESOLUTION SAPO Application

Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar

WHEREAS Ms. Johnson of Amalgamated Nursery School submitted a SAPO Application for an event to be held on May 19, 2024 to celebrate their Spring Bazaar.

WHEREAS The street closing will be at Gale Place between Orloff Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park South, from 9:00am to 4:30pm.

WHEREAS The event has been held successfully in the past.

WHEREAS the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee unanimously approves this event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Bronx Community Board 8 approves this event.
