



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8



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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

OFFICERS:

Vice Chairperson
Sergio Villaverde

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Margaret Della

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Immediate Past Chairperson
Laura Spalter

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging
Oscar Martinez

Budget
David Gellman

Economic Development
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Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
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Environment & Sanitation
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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

DATE: Wednesday, June 26, 2024

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

PLACE: Wave Hill Public Garden & Cultural Center – Armor Hall
675 West 252nd Street, Bronx, NY 10471-2899
Entrance at West 249th Street & Independence Avenue

There is limited parking in the Wave Hill Parking Lot located at the intersection of 249th and Independence. Once the lot is full, street parking is allowed on 252nd street between Independence Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway on the north side of the street only. Please observe any No Parking signs.

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

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

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

All Committee Members must attend in-person except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act who may attend via video/teleconferencing and will be counted in the quorum.

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Roll Call
4. Resolution: Law, Rules & Ethics Committee – ADA
5. Resolution: Certificate for Intern
6. Resolutions: Youth Committee – Comeback Kid Achievement Awards
7. Comeback Kid Achievement Awards
8. Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant Awards
9. Irving Ladimer Community Service Award
10. Internship Award
11. Report from the Mayor's Office

12. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
13. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
14. Council Member's Report
 - Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
 - Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
 - Council Member Eric Dinowitz
15. Elected Officials Reports
16. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2023 and May 14, 2024
17. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2024 and June 5, 2024
18. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
19. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
20. District Manager's Report
21. Committee Reports and Resolutions
 - a) Traffic & Transportation
 - b) Public Safety
 - c) Law, Rules & Ethics
 - d) Land Use
 - e) Nominating Committee
 - f) Election of Officers & Committee Chairpersons
 - g) Parks & Recreation
 - h) Aging
 - i) Budget
 - j) Economic Development
 - k) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
 - l) Environment & Sanitation
 - m) Health, Hospitals & Social Services
 - n) Housing
 - o) Youth
 - p) Special Committee on Racial Equity
 - q) Special Committee on Veteran Services
 - r) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
 - s) 8:30 PM Special Committee on City of Yes for Housing Opportunity
22. Miscellaneous
23. Next Monthly Board Meeting: September 2024
24. 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

LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION – ADA
June 26th, 2024

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 at its May 2024 regular monthly meeting, voted to end the practice of permitting for Extraordinary Circumstances (EC) to enable some Board members to participate in Bronx Community Board 8 meetings via telecommunications, and,

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8, in eliminating EC, voted to continue to provide persons covered under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) access to meetings through videoconferencing with the recognition that such persons be counted toward the quorum, and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 needs to establish a process for identifying persons who are qualified to be recognized as ADA-eligible, and

WHEREAS, the chairperson of Bronx Community Board 8 needs to designate an individual who would be responsible for determining which Board members are ADA-eligible based on soon-to-be established criteria,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the board chairperson identify a board member responsible for screening persons who request such status and be empowered to identify those who appear to qualify based on soon-to-be adopted criteria,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such temporary status continue until the September 2024 regular monthly meeting when it is anticipated that the Law, Rules and Ethics committee will offer a resolution for establishing the criteria for recognizing a Board member's ADA status.

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RESOLUTION - CERTIFICATE FOR INTERN JAYLYN ADORNO

WHEREAS, Jaylyn Adorno, a recent 2024 graduate of Hunter College - City University of New York, performed her college course required internship duties remotely and in person for Bronx Community Board 8 from January 2024 to May 2024; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adorno's duties included, but were not be limited to, administrative work with the office filing system, answering incoming phone calls and greeting constituents at the office, updating office records, setting up the meeting locations for Board meetings, interacting with the public and elected officials, other administrative duties, attending and tabling street fair events, and more; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adorno continued her internship past her end date to assist in the work she started with the Chairperson of the Housing committee and other members of that committee to complete and update the Community Board's Housing Guide; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adorno also continued to assist the Community Board at recent street fairs as well as preparing for the Board’s last monthly meeting of the term; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adorno was an outstanding, productive and wonderful intern.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves honoring Jaylyn Adorno with a Certificate of Recognition for her outstanding work as Bronx Community Board 8 intern.

YOUTH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Recognition and Support for Kevin Melendez as recipient of Bronx CB 8’s 2024 Comeback Kid Achievement Award

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes that youth today are faced with numerous and complicated challenges; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes that our local community centers, after school programs, and youth programs have a unique understanding of those challenges; and

WHEREAS, Kevin Melendez has been nominated and supported by a sponsoring agency, submitted a complete application and has demonstrated his commitment to the community via this application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 hereby awards Kevin Melendez with the Comeback Kid Achievement Award and commends Kevin Melendez for his outstanding contributions to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 expresses its sincere appreciation to Kevin Melendez for his unwavering dedication to making our community a better place.

YOUTH COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

Recognition and Support for Summer Johnson as recipient of Bronx CB 8’s 2024 Comeback Kid Achievement Award

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes that youth today are faced with numerous and complicated challenges; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 recognizes that our local community centers, after school programs, and youth programs have a unique understanding of those challenges; and

WHEREAS, Summer Johnson has been nominated and supported by a sponsoring agency, submitted a complete application and has demonstrated her commitment to the community via this application.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 hereby awards Summer Johnson with the Comeback Kid Achievement Award and commends Summer Johnson for her outstanding contributions to our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 expresses its sincere appreciation to Summer Johnson for her unwavering dedication to making our community a better place.

DRAFT RESOLUTION – RENEWAL
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY
June 26th, 2024

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; and

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; and

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on 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 Bob Bender, Chairperson, Deb Travis, David Gellman, Laura Spalter, and others to be determined;

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION – RENEWAL
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RACIAL EQUITY
June 26th, 2024

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.

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 Bronx Community Board 8, and to make recommendations to the Community Board;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Racial Equity shall be comprised of Margaret Della, Chairperson, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Sebastian Chittilappilly, and others to be determined;

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 on Racial Equity 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.

DRAFT RESOLUTION – RENEWAL
SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES
June 26th, 2024

WHEREAS, currently there are approximately 22 million veterans living in the United States of America 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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2023, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution to extend the Special Committee on Veterans Services.

THEREFORE, 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 Board Members Sergio Villaverde, Chairperson, Margaret Della, Julia Gomez, and Community Members Herb Barret, Robert Spalter, Patrick Watson, and others to be determined;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Veterans Services 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.

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RESOLUTION - SUMMER PAID INTERN
JUNE 26th, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Community Board District Manager (DM), Farrah Kule Rubin, requests for a summer intern to assist in the Board staff with duties, such as but not limited to, working on the office filing system, greeting incoming calls and constituents at the office, updating office records, establishing a system tracker of past committee meetings' resolved agreements, setting up meeting locations for the public and Board members, acting as a greeter during public meetings, interacting with elected officials and the public, administrative duties on the computer, attending and tabling street fair events, and more; and

WHEREAS, DM Kule Rubin has been advised by the Bronx Borough President's office that a stipend of approximately \$2,000 would be appropriate for a summer intern,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves the appointment of a summer intern.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 20th, 2024

SAPO Application: Northeast Bronx Day Care Center Family BBQ Block Party (August 9, 2024)

WHEREAS, a representative of the Northeast Bronx Day Care Center, Inc. located at 5401 Post Road appeared before the Traffic and Transportation Committee on June 20, 2024, and presented a request to obtain a street activity permit (SAPO) to hold its Family BBQ Block Party on August 9, 2024, from 8:00am until 3:00pm, on Post Road between West 254th Street and West 255th Street; and

WHEREAS, the representative satisfactorily answered all questions concerning the planned event.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8, Bronx approves the submitted Street Activity Permit application.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
May 21st, 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Renia Mercader, a Representative of Tobala, located at 3732 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on May 21st, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 18th, 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS Dardeep Deol, a Representative of A1-J1 Restaurant Inc, located at 5977 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 18th, 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.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 18th, 2024**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Jin Feng Chen, a Representative of Moon Star Grill, located at 3519-3525 Johnson Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 18th, 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.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 18th, 2024**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS Katarina Charles, a Representative of Cote Wine Bar, located at 5639 Mosholu Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 18th, 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 18th, 2024

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

WHEREAS, Adam C. Powell, a Representative of Chef Rose Caribbean Restaurant, located at 205 West 231st Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on June 18th, 2024, to apply for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit.

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to sign a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of operation.

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 26th, 2024

WHEREAS, §1647-A has been introduced in the New York State Senate proposing that a quorum for community boards as found in the NYS Open Meetings Law (POL § 103- a(2)(c)) be reduced from a majority to one quarter of its membership, and

WHEREAS, the members of Bronx Community Board 8 believe that votes on matters of community concern should require at least the majority of a full quorum,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the New York State Senate and New York State Assembly, should it be introduced there, reject the proposed amendment.

LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 4th, 2024

WHEREAS, the terms “Affordable Housing”, “Area Median Income” or “AMI” as currently applied and defined in laws applicable to the City of New York are frequently predicated on data from a geographic area that includes New York

City suburbs and are not representative of the city itself, and for that reason contribute to the lack of housing truly affordable for residents of New York City, particularly the Bronx, and

WHEREAS, affordable housing is a perennial high priority for the Community Board 8 District Needs Statement, as it is for many other community boards in New York City,

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx proposes the following resolution:

THEREFORE, Bronx Community Board 8 proposes the following resolution:

COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8, BRONX COUNTY, CALLS UPON THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REPRESENTING ANY PORTION OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD DISTRICT TO PROPOSE AND THE CITY COUNCIL TO ENACT WITH ALL DELIBERATE SPEED LEGISLATION

1. Defining the term “Affordable Housing” as applied to any relevant law, ordinance or regulation or the interpretation or application thereof in and by the City of New York mandating that such definition be predicated solely upon data derived from the five Counties comprising the City of New York; and

2. Defining the terms “Area Median Income” and/or “AMI” predicated solely upon data derived from and pertaining to (a) the City of New York or the five Counties comprising the City of New York or the New York City postal zip codes and that such definition be applied to any applicable law, ordinance, regulation or the interpretation or application thereof in and by the City of New York and any instrumentality thereof.

To be clear, the purpose of the foregoing is to limit the data used in defining the foregoing terms to such data as is derived exclusively from applicable New York City predicates.

3. This definition and its application shall be construed in conjunction with any existing federal regulation.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
June 4th, 2024**

**RE: 4715 Iselin Avenue – SNAD Non-ULURP
Jeremy Schmuckler
4715 Iselin Ave. Bronx, NY 10471
SNAD District**

An authorization pursuant to ZR 105-432 for modification of rear and side yard requirements to facilitate the expansion of an existing two-story house is being sought by a private applicant in Fieldston, Community District 8, The Bronx.

WHEREAS, the representative for 4715 Iselin Ave., Architect John Field, presented the project on the expansion of an existing two-story house, and,

WHEREAS, applicant provided a letter from a certified arborist stating proposed work will not damage and have no detrimental effects to a 36” red oak tree on their property, and,

WHEREAS, applicant provided a Certificate of no effect from the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and,

WHEREAS, Applicant informed all neighbors within 200 feet of the property, and,

WHEREAS, No opposition was indicated either from the board or from the community.

WHEREAS, for the reason set forth above, the Land Use Committee APPROVES this application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED for the reason set forth above, Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES this application.

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
May 22nd, 2024**

RE: STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT OFFICE (SAPO) REQUEST FOR JBOLC GARDEN COMMUNITY FARMERS MARKET

WHEREAS, the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center presented their plan for a weekly farmers market on the closed slip lane and within the green space bordered by Goulden Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South on Saturdays from June 15, 2024 through October 26, 2024 between the hours of 8am and 4pm including setup and breakdown time;

WHEREAS, this farmers market has occurred at this location during the summer since August 2020 without any community complaints;

WHEREAS, the JBOLC Farmers Market is a valuable source for the Kingsbridge Heights community of locally grown, fresh vegetables and fruit and features activities that include healthy cooking demos, story reading for children, poetry readings, and dance and music performances;

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 Parks and Recreation Committee supports the street activity permit for the partial sidewalk closure on the closed slip lane and within the green space bordered by Goulden Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South as requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for the purposes of their farmers market;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the street activity permit for the partial sidewalk closure on the closed slip lane and within the green space bordered by Goulden Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South as requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for the purposes of their farmers market.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CITY OF YES FOR HOUSING OPPORTUNITY
RESOLUTION
JUNE 17th, 2024**

Re: City of Yes for Housing Opportunity Proposal

For each and all of the foregoing reasons, The Special Committee, by **unanimous vote** (with one excused absence), respectfully urges Community Board 8 to adopt in substance the following Resolution with respect to the Proposal:

WHEREAS the Special Committee on City of YES—Housing Opportunity has carefully examined the several parts comprising the submission of City of Yes for Housing Opportunity—2024 (the “Proposal”) , consulted with architects, planners and other experts, including City and State public officials, past and present, and conducted three noticed public meetings-hearings on the Proposal and carefully listened to those participating in person or remotely, including representatives of City Planning; and

WHEREAS the Committee has received, reviewed and commented upon drafts of and a final proposed Committee Report, a copy of which is attached hereto and made part hereof, together with annexed appendices; and

WHEREAS after due consideration it is hereby

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Special Committee on City of YES—Housing Opportunity

1. Rejects the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity Proposal and finds it lacking in supportive merit and fatally flawed;
 2. Urges Bronx Community Board No. 8 to likewise accept and promulgate to the appropriate persons and entities the attached Report and its Appendices;
 3. Calls upon the Members of the New York City Council representing any segment of the population within the Bronx Community Board 8 District to categorically reject the Proposal;
 4. Urges the New York City Council to reject the Proposal in its entirety as contrary to the public interest.
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