

**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Minutes of the Full Board Meeting**  
**April 9, 2024, 7PM**  
**Ethical Culture Fieldston School**  
**3901 Fieldston Road, Building 600, Bronx, NY 10471**

**Meeting Recording**

**Committee Members Present (23 present for quorum)**

Carol Blake, Chris Calhoun, Margaret Della, Nicholas Fazio, Steven Froot, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Rosemary Ginty, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Josh Land, Oscar Martinez, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

**Committee Members Approved for Extraordinary Circumstances (3)**

Sylvia Alexander, Charles Moerdler, Georgia Santiago

**Committee Members Absent (12)**

Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Kelli Buford, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong, Yngrid Deleon, Eliane Lobos, Rita Pochter Lowe, Theodore Morris, Omar Murray, Ramdat Singh, Jessica Sosa

**Staff**

Farrah Kule Rubin, Ardy Malziu

**Guests**

NYPD 50th Precinct Commanding Officer Captain Ryan Pierce, NYC Councilmember Eric Dinowitz, Councilmember (CM) Dinowitz Rep. Stephenie Rodriguez, and Representatives from Mayor Adams - Alina Dowe, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Clark – Jeffrey Peña, NYC Public Advocate – Rose Mendez, NYS Senator Rivera – Brent Schneider, and NYS Assemblymember (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz – Jesse Lerer. Gallery Speakers – Abe Safdie, Daniel Flores (NYC Dept. of Small Business Services), Dion Powell, and Andrea Robins

Vice Chair Villaverde convened the meeting at 7:04 pm.

### **Public Gallery Session**

Abe Safdie – West 254<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project

Daniel Flores – Services offered by the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)

Dion Powell – Proposed New York State Senate Bill S108 A

### **Report from the Mayor's Office**

Reminder that the Neighborhood Support Teams (NST) application period is open. It was brought on by Local Law 102 that requires the city to develop a list of no fewer than three (3) geographic areas that would benefit from interagency collaboration in addressing issues such as sanitation services, transportation, social service needs, public health issues, and public safety concerns. A. Dowe went to the 601/609 Kappock Street pathway and, with the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB), will make sure that it is closed off for safety and secure who and what will handle the repairing of it. Mayor Eric Adams will be coming to Riverdale for the town hall.

### **Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct**

Good news is that the NYPD 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct has had the best 28-day period since Captain Pierce arrived to the precinct. Down two (2) homicides from last year (0 vs. 2) and down one (1) rape (0 vs. 1). Down in robberies (9 vs. 16 – 44% decrease) as well, which have been up since the beginning of the year. Felony assaults are also down (19 vs. 21 – 14% decrease). Down in burglaries (11 vs. 13 – 15% decrease). The only thing that went up is grand larcenies (56 vs. 55) but the good news is that the week-to-date they have is down 8 vs. 18 which is a 55% decrease. That number should be down in the coming weeks. Grand larceny auto (GLA) has been flat (23) which has been problematic since August so it is good that it remains flat. There have been no hate crimes.

### **Report from NYC Councilman Eric Dinowitz**

New York City is considering the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity and the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. Last Tuesday, there was a borough-wide information session held by the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) on the housing component. Links and information on the City of Yes are sent out via the newsletter and encouraged to sign up at [ericdinowitz.nyc/newsletter](http://ericdinowitz.nyc/newsletter). If you've seen a presentation or if you have any opinion on the City of Yes, you could still submit testimony through tomorrow to the New York City Council. Will be collecting survey information from an internal survey which can be filled out at [ericdinowitz.nyc/zeosurvey](http://ericdinowitz.nyc/zeosurvey). Tomorrow from 11am - 3pm, NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) will be at the office and a legal immigration clinic on April 18. A bill is being introduced on Thursday to improve the 311 system. This month, there is a hearing on the entire package of 311 bills. Improving the 311 system will have a positive impact on our quality of life if these bills are passed.

## **Roll Call**

Secretary Della announced the roll call and committee members approved for extraordinary circumstances (EC). A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

## **Treasurer's Report**

There is \$112,143 remaining in the FY 2024 operating budget and \$24,256 remaining in the Other Than Personal Services (OTPS) budget. No budget modifications in April but expecting a budget modification in May. Ardy was working to remove the \$194 in encumbered funds for Object Code 300. \$2,042 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail. If any board members have questions regarding allocations or where we are in spending, send the treasurer an email and will get back to you as soon as possible.

## **District Manager's Report (DM)**

Hope everyone had a Happy Easter.

Our office received New York Botanical Garden (NYBG) tickets to the Orchid Exhibition on April 6, 2024, and we distributed them to Riverdale Senior Services (RSS) and a local shelter who took most of them as well Bronx residents in the district.

The quarterly Winter in Review Newsletter was sent to all board members and the community, and hope everyone had a chance to review it. The next Newsletter will be released at the end of June. If you have any photos of meetings or events you participated in as a board member, please send them to the office to post.

Members of Bronx Community Board 8 were invited by P.S. 360 in Kingsbridge to speak and celebrate with their students on Civic Empowerment. The faculty at PS 360 extended their heartfelt gratitude to board members S. Foot and D. Gellman for taking the time to present to their students with a presentation that was enlightening and provided their students with valuable knowledge about the important work of Bronx Community Board 8 in our neighborhood.

Our next full board meetings will be at St. Stephens Church (Marble Hill) in May, and Wave Hill in June. Please be sure to always check the calendar and agenda for the location of the meeting.

Looking into speaker microphones to enhance the sound for our Board meetings and would like to make the purchase this month. Also ordering new items this month so we have new giveaways for events we are tabling at this Spring and Summer.

We have received nominations for the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA) and were sent to the committee to consider.

Recently held the District Service Cabinet meeting and the minutes were sent to the Executive Committee. The next meeting will be on May 7, 2024.

Lastly, it is very important that the meeting agenda is submitted 10 days before the meeting and minutes are submitted within 10 days after the meeting. Thank you, in advance, for keeping up with the timeline.

**Committee Reports:**

a) **Economic Development** – N. Fazio presented the below resolution:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
**SAPO APPLICATION RESOLUTION**  
**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.

**In Favor: (23)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**The Economic Development Committee resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The last Economic Development Committee meeting was on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Bronx Alehouse. Please refer to the minutes. The next meeting is on May 7<sup>th</sup> and the location will be announced shortly.

**b) Traffic & Transportation** – C. Calhoun presented the below resolutions:

Discussion to amend the resolution regarding the intersection of Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Avenue to state “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED” at the beginning of each paragraph for the last four paragraphs.

C. Calhoun accepts the friendly amendment by D. Gellman.

Board members had further discussion on the resolution regarding the intersection of Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Avenue. Board member stated that it is good to give solid feedback to the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) on presentations but does not agree to oppose the proposal because it could potentially prevent them from doing anything. Another board member suggested reaching out to NYC Council Members to advocate the restoration of a separate NYC Department of Highways. A board member also stated that the DOT presentation was very thin.

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**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

**BE IT FURTHER 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

**BE IT FURTHER 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

**BE IT FURTHER 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

**BE IT FURTHER 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.

**In Favor: (19)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed: (5)** E. Hausman, C. Moerdler, D. Rowen, D. Travis, S. Villaverde

**Abstentions: (1)** D. Gellman

**The Traffic & Transportation Committee resolution regarding the intersection of Van Cortlandt Park South and Bailey Avenue PASSED.**

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**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.

**In Favor: (25)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**The Traffic & Transportation Committee resolution regarding Henry Hudson Parkway at W 232<sup>nd</sup> Street PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The next Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting is on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Board Office.

**c) Public Safety** – E. Green presented the below resolutions:

**Renewal Application: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Resolution passed unanimously:**

- William E. Irwin Jr Post 774 American Legion Inc., 3035-37 Corlear Avenue

**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 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to renew this establishment's liquor license.

**WHEREAS**, Representatives of NYPDs 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

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**Renewal Application: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Resolution passed unanimously:**

- Van Cortlandt Park Golf Course, 115 Van Cortlandt Park South

**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.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)                      Opposed: (0)**

**Renewal Application: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider Resolution passed unanimously:**

- Baby Crab Seafood & Grill, 5740 Broadway

**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.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff



**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

**d) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs** – S. Alexander presented the below resolutions:

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**SAPO RESOLUTION**

**RE: 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.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**The Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee SAPO resolution regarding the Lag Baomer Picnic (9:00am to 4:00pm) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**SAPO RESOLUTION**

**RE: 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 4:00pm to 10:30pm.

**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.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**The Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee SAPO resolution regarding the Lag Baomer Picnic (4:00pm to 10:30pm) PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**SAPO RESOLUTION**

**RE: 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.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**The Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee SAPO resolution regarding the Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee discussed the Negative Declaration that was presented by the NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) for the site of the new school at the Van Cortlandt Motel. SCA was invited but they did not come. The committee had many questions, and a letter was sent out to them. SCA acknowledged that the letter was received but have not heard further. The Negative Declaration did not

address the traffic problems, etc. The committee looks forward to getting the responses. The Negative Declaration did not reach the committee until March 6<sup>th</sup>, although it was completed by SCA on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Do not know why it took so long for it to get to us. When the NYC Council voted on it on March 7<sup>th</sup>, no one had been able to look at it, including the Councilman. Will keep everyone posted on SCA's response to the letter.

Chairperson J. Reyes stated that Council Member Dinowitz will have his Land Use attorneys look at the Negative Declaration and will keep the Board posted.

**e) Law, Rules & Ethics** – Alex Kipp from the NYC Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) could not attend the April Law, Rules & Ethics (LRE) Committee meeting but he is scheduled to appear at the next LRE meeting on Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. The LRE Committee will be submitting to the Board for its consideration a resolution in the May 2024 meeting to eliminate the EC process and return to how things were before the pandemic where people appeared in person to be present, count as a quorum, and vote. Urge board members to reach out to Committee Chair M. Wolpoff, Committee Vice Chair S. Froot or the Board Office to share your opinions regarding EC. The resolution in May 2024 will also call on the renewal of video conferencing for members of the public.

**f) Environment & Sanitation** – Refer to the meeting minutes for the committee report. The next Environment & Sanitation Committee meeting will be held in May. The April meeting will be cancelled due to a conflict with other non-board meetings on the same date/time.

**g) Youth** – Refer to the meeting minutes for the committee report. The next Youth Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Board Office.

**h) Aging** – The next Aging Committee will be on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at Riverdale Senior Services (RSS).

**i) Budget** – We are wrapping up Fiscal Year 2024 on June 30, 2024. The NYC Council is debating Fiscal Year 2025 with the Mayor's Office. They will come up with a final budget late next month, more likely early June. Send the finalized individual committee capital and expense budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2026 to the Board Office and CC Committee Chair D. Gellman via email by Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

**j) Health, Hospitals & Social Services** – The Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee did not meet last month. However, Hassan Naveed, the Executive Director of the Mayor's Office for the Prevention of Hate Crimes, attended the last meeting and the committee discussed the impact of hate on health. The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 10 at 7pm at the Board Office. Senator Gustavo Rivera will attend to discuss his role as the Chair of the Senate Committee on Health.

**k) Housing** – Refer to the meeting minutes for the committee report. Thanked L. Spalter and K. Argenti for giving a presentation to the committee at the last meeting on focusing on getting ready for the Environmental Impact Statement for the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. It was a very good focus as we wait for the proposals to come out. The

presentation is on YouTube and the Bronx Community Board 8 website. No April meeting due to the holidays and the next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**l) Parks & Recreation** – The last Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was on March 27<sup>th</sup> and refer to the meeting minutes for the committee report. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> where Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will discuss the finalization of the driving range at the Mosholu Golf Course, and the Concession Unit will attend to talk about the new concession contract.

**m) Land Use** – The next Land Use Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Four (4) significant applications will be discussed during the meeting. We have two (2) more meetings before the summer recess and we have not seen the text or any detailed explanation of the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity so that the Special Committee could look at it. We have months ahead that need to be paid attention to regarding these upcoming housing proposals.

**n) Special Committee on Racial Equity** – The next Special Committee on Racial Equity meeting will be on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> where the Committee will be reviewing a draft put together on resources for the community based on concerns on hate crimes and ways that individuals can care for themselves and find resources/avenues in response to discrimination, bias, etc. Internal report for the year-in-review to be completed in May to be submitted for the June Full Board meeting. A review of each committee is conducted to document what has been discussed/focused on elevating equity in our district. A look into the budget map will be conducted as well to indicate where the board has placed the financial requests to the City.

Discussion was held by board members regarding meeting dates held on religious holidays.

**o) Special Committee on Veterans' Services** – The Special Committee on Veterans' Services will be meeting on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**p) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway** – No report.

### **Chairperson's Report**

Refer to Executive Committee minutes for the report.

Thank you Vice Chair S. Villaverde for holding the Full Board meeting last month and earlier today.

Thank you S. Froot and D. Gellman for representing the Board at the Civic Empowerment event at PS 360.

Thank you R. Ginty and M. Della for attending the Bronx Borough Board meetings.

Hope everyone got a chance to read the Winter-In-Review Newsletter – it was well done.

## **Nominations for the Nominating Committee**

The following board members were nominated to be on the Nominating Committee:

**Yngrid Deleon** (*Motion by: C. Calhoun; Seconded by: S. Villaverde*)

**Bob Bender** (*Motion by: R. Ginty; Seconded by: J. Gomez*)

**Emily Hausman** (*Motion by: L. Spalter; Seconded by: J. Gomez*)

**Mary Ellen Gibbs** (*Motion by: D. Travis; Seconded by: O. Martinez*)

**Laura Spalter** (*Motion by: M. Gibbs; Seconded by: E. Hausman*)

Other board members that were nominated respectfully declined.

The five (5) Nominating Committee members will meet following tonight's Board meeting.

## **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024**

A **MOTION** was made by M. Gibbs and **SECONDED** by E. Hausman to **APPROVE** the Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024.

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

The Board Meeting Minutes of March 12, 2024 were **APPROVED**.

## **Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024**

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2024 will be held during next month's meeting, and minutes will be posted and distributed within the next week.

## **Elected Official Reports**

*NYS Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office:*

NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz, in conjunction with Congressman Ritchie Torres, Senator Jamaal Bailey and Council Member Eric Dinowitz, will be holding various shredding events in May. The first event will be held on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at AM Dinowitz's District Office from 10am – 1pm. Please be aware that metal items must be removed from papers.

*Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's Office:*

Toy Bin Drive is being held at the lobby of the Bronx District Attorney's Office located at 198 E 161st Street. Accepting new toys, books, clothes, etc. for children ages 1 - 16. The toys will be distributed at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Safety Fair on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 3pm at the Whitney Young Jr. Campus at 1919 Prospect Ave, Bronx, NY 10457. Rock climbing, bouncy houses, popcorn, candy, and other activities/food will be available at the event.

*NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:*

Senator Gustavo Rivera will host virtual constituent meetings every Friday if you would like to talk to the Senator on anything legislative/community affairs related. You can make an appointment by calling the office at 718-933-2034. Secondly, Senator Rivera will be attending the Bronx Community Board 8 Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

*NYC Public Advocate's Office:*

The Public Advocate puts out the Worst Landlord List every year and recently a landlord who was on the list for the past two years was arrested for having his buildings in very poor conditions that was threatening towards tenants' lives. The Public Advocate is introducing a bill this week with Council Member Erik Bottcher regarding single-use water containers for city agencies and limiting purchasing them, instead, buying them in bigger bulk sizes. The Public Advocate also released suggestions regarding lithium-ion batteries that are becoming the biggest sources of fire in the city.

**Miscellaneous**

Andrea Robins – West 254<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk Project

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2024**

**Adjournment**

A **MOTION** was made by M. Gibbs and **SECONDED** by M. Della to adjourn.

**The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:47 pm.**

**In Favor: (26)** S. Alexander, C. Blake, C. Calhoun, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, B. Kaplan, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**Submitted by:** Ardy Malziu, Community Coordinator, Bronx Community Board 8

**Reviewed by:** Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager, Bronx Community Board 8