

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Full Board Meeting
October 10, 2023, 7PM
Ethical Culture Fieldston School
3901 Fieldston Road, Building 600, Bronx, NY 10471

Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (32 present for quorum)

Sylvia Alexander, Constance Barnes-Watson, Jillian Baez, Carol Blake, Chris Calhoun, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong, Yngrid Deleon, Margaret Della, Nicholas Fazio, Steven Froot, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Rosemary Ginty, Edward Green, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Scott Krompinger, Josh Land, Eliane Lobos, Rita Pochter Lowe, Oscar Martinez, Charles Moerdler, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowen, Ramdat Singh, Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Approved for Extraordinary Circumstances (3)

Kelli Buford, Robert Fanuzzi, Dr. Julia Gomez

Committee Members Absent (9)

Aboubacar Barry, Bob Bender, Margaret Donato, Emily Hausman, Robert Jacklosky, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Ted Morris, Omar Murray, Georgia Santiago

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin, Pablo Romano

Guests

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera, NYS Assemblymember (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz, NYC Councilmember (CM) Eric Dinowitz, NYPD 50th Precinct Special Ops Lieutenant Baez, and Representatives from Mayor Adams - Alina Dowe, Congressmember Ritchie Torres - Joseph McManus, NYS Senator Rivera - Brent Schneider, NYS Senator Robert Jackson - Dario Quinsac, NYS Assemblymember (AM) Dinowitz - Jesse Lerer and NYC Councilmember Carmen de la Rosa - Jamilah Sandoval. Gallery Speakers - Migdalia Veloz, Sue Ellen Dodell, Valerie Porter, Christopher Steffens.

Chairperson J. Reyes welcomed all and turned the **FY25 Public Budget Hearing** over to Budget Committee Chair D. Gellman at 6:37 p.m.

FY25 Public Budget Hearing

Budget Committee Chair D. Gellman outlined the budget process according to the City Charter.

Comments from Members of the Community:

- Community member is advocating for the Bruckner Box in the Expense Budget for the Henry Hudson Park.
- With the 15% budget cuts coming forward, community members is advocating for additional funding to the NYC Parks Department.
- Senator Robert Jackson's Office states that if there is an organization in the district requesting capital funding for a project over \$35,000, reach out to their office.

The Budget Public Hearing was closed at 6:47 p.m.

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the Full Board meeting at 7:09 PM and announced committee members approved for extraordinary circumstances (EC).

Chairperson J. Reyes asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the October 7 attacks in Israel.

Report from NYS Assemblymember (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz

AM Dinowitz is proud to live in a community where hundreds of people can come together for a prayer vigil. The worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. The reaction by some groups in our country is shocking where people were celebrating the attacks. Tough times ahead. Competing rallies in Riverdale regarding a possible migrant residence on W. 238th Street and Waldo Ave. The building should be used for permanent affordable housing. People from outside of the community were being divisive and turned into a partisan event. Sponsoring shred days throughout the district. Proud of the community coming together to oppose the cricket proposal during the summer at Van Cortlandt Park.

Public Gallery Session

Migdalia Veloz – Oppose Cannabis Dispensary that will be located at 6677 Broadway

Sue Ellen Dodell – Support, and refer to the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee for consideration, a resolution in support of Int. 1099, which is pending before the NYC Council

Valerie Porter – Construction of Stagg building at 3745 Riverdale Ave and Stagg purchase of Manhattan College dorm at 3801 Waldo Ave

Christopher Steffens – Paving of the mapped, but unbuilt, pathway adjacent to Brust Park

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

Special Ops Lieutenant Baez read the crime statistics for the year to date. 4 murders in 2023. 8 rapes in 2023 compared to 15 rapes in 2022 (decrease in 46%). 120 robberies in 2023 compared to 147 robberies in 2022 (decrease in 18%). Down 3% in felony assaults. Burglaries have increased (114 v. 104). Grand larcenies have decreased 2.3%. The biggest issue in the 50th Precinct are the grand larceny autos (GLA) which have increased by 31%.

Report from NYC Councilman (CM) Eric Dinowitz

Encourages the public to follow him on social media and twitter where statements are being put out regarding the October 7 attacks in Israel. Condemns the Hamas attack on innocent civilians in Israel. Working with colleagues to understand the implications of the rallies that celebrate the attacks. Working with city agencies, NYPD, the Department of Education and CUNY to make sure that everyone has the resources, and everyone feels safe. Introduced legislation requiring there be emergency response centers in the case of fires. A number of quality-of-life issues and mismanagement in Godwin Terrace but worked with West Bronx Housing to knock on doors and organize a tenant's association and let them know of their rights.

Report from NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera

New part of the district for Senator Rivera. Spoke on the illegal cannabis dispensaries in the district and if you identify any illegal dispensaries, let the office know. The office remains at 2432 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10458 and satellite office hours are available at Riverdal Senior Services (RSS). Immigration and legal services are also available. Be in touch with the office for more information.

Report from the Mayor's Office

Prayers and condolences to the people who lost loved ones on the October 7 attacks in Israel. The Mayor and Sanitation Commissioner have announced the next phase on the war on rats, and this includes all businesses that must put their trash out in containers. If you notice a business is not in compliance, please reach out to 311. The Mayor has announced a partnership to create green jobs, provide workforce training and electrify vehicles. As the number of asylum seekers increase, the Mayor announced a 30-day notice for adult migrants to work with their case workers to take the next step. The Mayor launched the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. New Yorkers with CityFHEPS will be able to find permanent affordable housing within New York State, not just New York City. The Mayor announced \$15 million in federal funding to plant and maintain city trees. The Mayor and the HPD Commissioner have taken actions to connect New Yorkers to affordable housing more quickly (no credit checks). The Mayor concluded a two-day summit on fentanyl.

Report from U.S. Congressman Ritchie Torres' Office

Congressman Torres is in solidarity with the Jewish people and a very strong supporter of Israel. If anyone has any federal issues, please reach out to the office for assistance. Congressman Torres introduced a bill (H.R.5518) – the Right to Medicare Act. This bill, if passed, would allow each participant in Medicare to select if they want regular Medicare or Medicare Advantage.

Report from NYC Councilwoman (CM) Carmen de la Rosa's Office

Prayers and positive energy to all the victims affected by the October 7 attacks in Israel. CM de la Rosa represents Marble Hill and please contact the office if you have any issues or concerns. Work closely with Tony Edwards from the Marble Hill Houses Tenants' Association.

Report from NYS Senator Robert Jackson's Office

Senator Jackson offers his condolences to the families that lost loved ones on the October 7 attacks in Israel and condemns these acts of violence. The office is available Monday through Friday and the office is located at 5030 Broadway, Suite 701, New York, NY 10034.

Chairperson's Report

Refer to Executive Committee minutes for the report.

Working with the District Manager to schedule a training orientation for the new members and committee chairs.

The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance is holding an event this month at Van Cortlandt Park and the office sent a letter of support, along with the NYPD 50th Precinct.

Appointed R. Ginty as interim Housing Committee Chair – thank you for stepping in. Elections for the position will be held this evening.

Met with the Deputy Commissioner of the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) regarding finding a new location for the office in the future.

Treasurer's Report

The total budget is \$261,432 and it is broken down by Personal Services (PS) and Other than Personal Services (OTPS). There is \$21,773 left in the OTPS budget. Community Boards will not be impacted by the proposed budget cuts. We have a \$10,000 cushion for a safety measure. No budget modifications this month. \$1,314 in encumbered funds. \$72,355 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail.

District Manager's Report (DM)

Meeting with DCAS to look at new office spaces.

Attended, alongside the Budget Committee Chair, the three borough-wide budget consultation meetings with the city agencies.

Met with Councilman Dinowitz to go over our budget priorities.

Working on final details for the New Chair Orientation.

Interviewing people to fill the Community Coordinator position. There will be a hiring freeze for the City but it will not apply for the Community Board.

Held a District Service Cabinet (DSC) Meeting last week and will send a memo to the Executive Committee.

Roll Call

Secretary M. Della announced the roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Election of Committee Chairpersons for Housing and Environment & Sanitation

Housing – Rosemary Ginty

Unanimous

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Environment & Sanitation – No Nominations

Committee Reports:

a) Land Use – The next Land Use Committee meeting is on October 18, 2023. Various Special Natural Area District (SNAD) applications will be discussed and voted on during the meeting. The Stagg purchase of 3801 Waldo Avenue will also be discussed at the meeting.

b) Law, Rules & Ethics – The next Law, Rules & Ethics Committee meeting is on October 23, 2023. Looking into the Open Meetings Law (OML) regarding the use of Extraordinary Circumstances (EC). Sent all board members the copy of the Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) Plain Language Guide. Concern expressed over the use/abuse of abstentions.

c) Parks & Recreation – On September 20, 2023, the International Cricket Council informed us they will not be hosting the Cricket World Cup at Van Cortlandt Park. Thanked all who played a role in supporting the maintenance of the public space. The next meeting is October 25, 2023. The developer of 55 Dash Place has paved a portion of a mapped, but unbuilt, street that is adjacent to Brust Park. As such, D. Travis presented the below resolution:

WHEREAS, West 242nd Street between Dash Place and Waldo Avenue is a mapped, but unbuilt, New York City street adjacent to Brust Park on the north side and 55 Dash Place and 3875 Waldo Avenue on the south;

WHEREAS, the community, including the owners of 3875 Waldo Avenue and Stewards of Brust Park, have expressed concern on numerous occasions that a hazard would be created if vehicles, particularly buses and trucks, were allowed to use the unbuilt portion of West 242nd Street at Waldo Avenue as a driveway;

WHEREAS, West 242nd Street between Dash Place and Waldo Avenue is owned by the City of New York and under the purview of the NYC Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, the developer of 55 Dash Place, also known as 3893 Waldo Avenue, Timber Equities, engaged a private contractor to pave the fifteen-foot width of the unbuilt street from the curb line of Waldo Avenue to rear property line of 55 Dash Place (1) without an easement, (2) without having secured permission from the NYC Department of Transportation to do so, and (3) without communicating their intent to other adjacent property owners;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 condemns and opposes the unilateral paving of the mapped, but unbuilt portion of West 242nd Street between Dash Place and Waldo Avenue adjacent to Brust Park until appropriate measures have been taken, in consultation with the NYC Department of Transportation and adjacent property owners, to ensure egress to the rear of 55 Dash Place is exclusively via a walkway - prohibiting vehicles - except where emergency access is mandated by the City of New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 calls on the New York City Department of Transportation to investigate and remedy the matter – including the installation of bollards or planters to protect the egress to 55 Dash Place from vehicular use - and report its finding and recommendations back to Bronx Community Board 8.

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

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

- Chipotle Mexican Grill #2309, 193 W 237th Street

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Maston Sansom, representing Chipotle Mexican Grill #2309, located at 193 W 237th St., appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 19th, 2023, to renew this establishment’s liquor license, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD’s 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

- Malecon Restaurant, 5592-5594 Broadway

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Javier Gomez, President of Malecon Restaurant, located at 5592-5594 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 19th, 2023, to renew this establishment’s liquor license, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD’s 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Renewal Application: Beer & Cider Resolution passed unanimously:

- Riverdale Gourmet, Inc., 3543 Riverdale Avenue

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Shamsan Alfalahi, Owner of Riverdale Gourmet, Inc., located at 3543 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 19th, 2023, to renew this establishment's liquor license, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

- Aoyu Sushi, Inc., 3532A Johnson Avenue

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Yong Wang, President of Aoyu Sushi, Inc., located at 3532A Johnson Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 19th, 2023, to renew this establishment's liquor license, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

- Leche y Miel Restaurant, 5761 Broadway

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Altagracia Pena, Owner of Leche y Miel Restaurant, located at 5761 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 19th, 2023, to renew this establishment's liquor license, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

- Khalle Bar & Grill Corp., 3638 Bailey Avenue

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, Braudilio Ciprian, President of Khalle Bar & Grill Corp., located at 3638 Bailey Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on September 19th, 2023, to renew this establishment's liquor license, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPDs 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Beer, Wine, Cider (Temporary) Offsite Permit:

WHEREAS, the liquor license of The Bronx Beer Hall, located at 2344 Arthur Ave, Bronx, NY 10458, has exceeded the allowed 4 Temporary Beer, Wine and Cider permits per calendar year to act offsite, and;

WHEREAS, an upcoming Hike-toberfest event to be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023 on the grounds of the Van Cortlandt House Museum in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx, NY, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, and;

WHEREAS, the Hike-toberfest event will be hosted by The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (a 501c(3) nonprofit), and;

WHEREAS, this is an annual fundraising event enjoyed by the community for the past eight (8) years to raise funding for Van Cortlandt Park Alliance’s educational, stewardship, and cultural programs, and;

WHEREAS, the local New York City Police Department 50th Precinct Commanding Officer, Captain Pierce, supports the event – submitting a Letter-of-Support. The New York City Police Department 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at this establishment and supports the annual event and the vendors, and;

WHEREAS, the Chairpersons of the Parks & Recreation and the Public Safety Committees cosigned a Letter of support along with the Community Board’s Chairperson prior to the Board resolution, and;

WHEREAS, an immediate full Board vote taken in support of the Hike-toberfest event hosted by The Bronx Beer Hall (applicant - NYS License# TP820-23-08294) and Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (a 501c(3) nonprofit), and;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application for a Beer, Wine, Cider (Temporary) Offsite Permit - NYS License# TP820-23-08294.

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS, the liquor license of Palace of Japan, located at 3505 Johnson Avenue, is set to expire on October 31st, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee is scheduled to meet on October 17th, 2023, and the following Full Board meeting will not be scheduled to meet until November, and;

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPDs 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior notable disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment, and;

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

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Refer to the Public Safety Committee minutes for the report. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is on October 17, 2023 at the NYPD 50th Precinct. The applicants for the first legal cannabis application in the district will be attending the meeting.

e) Traffic & Transportation – Refer to the Traffic & Transportation Committee minutes for the report. The next Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting will be on October 19, 2023. There was a request for a street co-naming on the corner of W 230th Street and Tibbett Avenue in honor of James Packes of Riverdale Auto Clinic. Once the family approves the request, the resolution will be presented to the full board. The guidelines also stipulate that the honoree must be deceased for at least two years from the date of approval and Mr. Packes passed away in December 2021. Therefore, the resolution will be presented after December 2023.

f) Youth – The next Youth Committee meeting will be on October 16, 2023.

g) Aging – The next Aging Committee meeting will be October 12, 2023.

h) Budget – We are in Fiscal Year 2024. It started on July 1 and ends on June 30. In preparation for the submissions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for our Fiscal Year 2025 budget priorities request, we conducted a hearing earlier tonight and took comments from the community regarding the budget priorities. One modification came up last week – the NYC Council approved opening libraries 6 days a week, which was one of our top priorities in the Expense budget request. This will be dropped and substituted with another item from the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee: Enable local library branches to address the current asylum seekers crisis, including welcome kits to children and families during outreach events, in-person ESOL classes, to help with immigration services, improve their language skills and connect with the community. As such, D. Gelman presented the below resolution:

**BUDGET COMMITTEE
October 10, 2023**

WHEREAS, the operating committees of Bronx Community Board 8 met, discussed and prioritized their respective FY2025 Capital & Expense Budget Requests throughout the spring of 2023, and;

WHEREAS, the Budget Committee met and reviewed all of the committee requests submitted, placing them into separate overall Capital and Expense Budget Requests lists on behalf of all Bronx Community Board 8 committees, and;

WHEREAS, the Budget Chair conducted a Public Hearing on October 10th, 2023, offering community members the opportunity to comment on these prioritized Budget Requests.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 approved the finalized FY2025 Capital & Expense Budget Priorities.

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

i) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs – No meeting in September but the next meeting will be on October 24, 2023. The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) will give a presentation on the site selection for a new 547-seat primary school at the Van Cortlandt Motel.

j) Economic Development – The last meeting was on October 3, 2023 at Yukka Latin Bistro. Refer to the Economic Development Committee minutes for the report. The committee is reviewing 18 proposed text amendments from the City of Yes for Economic Opportunity. The first commercial corridor walkthrough will be on November 3, 2023 on Johnson Ave and Riverdale Ave.

k) Environment & Sanitation – The next meeting will be on October 30, 2023.

l) Health, Hospitals & Social Services – The next meeting will be on October 11, 2023.

m) Housing – The next meeting will be on October 23, 2023.

n) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – No report.

o) Special Committee on Racial Equity – No report.

p) Special Committee on Veterans' Services – The next meeting will be on October 30, 2023. November 5th is the Memorial Grove event at noon. The Community Board has been invited to march at the Bronx Veterans' Day Parade on November 12, 2023.

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2023

None.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023 and September 12, 2023

A MOTION was made to APPROVE the Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023 and September 12, 2023.

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Board Meeting Minutes of July 20, 2023 and September 12, 2023 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Next Meeting: November 14, 2023

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by M. Gibbs and SECONDED by C. Calhoun to adjourn.

The chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:31 pm.

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, J. Baez, C. Blake, K. Buford, C. Calhoun, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. Deleon, M. Della, R. Fanuzzi, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, R. Ginty, J. Gomez, E. Green, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Krompinger, J. Land, E. Lobos, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, J. Campbell Priveterre, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstention: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

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