

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Full Board Meeting
September 12, 2024, 7PM
IN-Tech Academy – Library
2975 Tibbett Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463

Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (32 present for quorum)

Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Kelli Buford, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Sebastian Chittilappily, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Yngrid DeLeon, Margaret Della, Johanna Edmondson, Nicholas Fazio, Steven Froot, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Josh Land, Charles Moerdler, Angel Ortega, Julie Reyes, Adiana Rivera, Daniel Rowen, Ramdat Singh, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Jyll D. Townes, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Kevin Wade, Karen Walker, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Approved for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-Eligibility (2)

Lee Chong, Georgia Santiago

Committee Members Absent (10)

Sylvia Alexander, Constance Barnes-Watson, Christopher Calhoun, David Gellman, Rosemary Ginty, Dr. Julia Gomez, Barbara Kail, Oscar Martinez, Omar Murray, Jessica Sosa

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager), Ardy Malziu (Community Coordinator), Jaylyn Adorno (Intern)

Guests

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz, NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez, NYS Assembly Member (AM) Landon Dais; Representatives from Mayor Adams - Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough President (BP) – Alexis Ruiz, Bronx District Attorney (DA) – Marilex Santana-Tavarez & Jumanah Escalera, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Brent Schneider, NYS Assemblymember (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz – Randi Martos & Nayise Gonzalez, NYC Council Members (CM) Eric Dinowitz – Frederice Latchman, and NYC Council Member (CM) De La Rosa – Jamilah Sandoval; Karen Argenti (Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ), Rebecca Brown Barbier (New York Public Library – Riverdale Branch), Aga Chen (New York Public Library – Spuyten Duyvil Branch), Araceli Farciert (Literacy Inc. (LINC), David Pomeranz, Dan Reingold, John Lembo & James Power (Hebrew Home)

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Board members and staff introduced themselves. Aga Chen and NYS Assembly Member Landon Dais introduced themselves as well.

Public Gallery Session

Karen Argenti (BCEQ) – Environment National Park Service Technical Assistance on the Greenway missing connections and information on the Living Shoreline on the Harlem River. The applicant (Hebrew Home), not the Kingsbridge Historical Society (KHS), should start to do the Environmental Impact Statement study for the Victorian House at the Hebrew Home South property.

Report from the Mayor's Office

The Mayor's Office is here to assist with any issues or concerns in the community. Alina Dowe can be reached at adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov. Complaints regarding the flooding on Independence Avenue and connecting with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to see if the area will be included in a bigger study for the City. Will provide an update on the path on 601/609 Kappock Street. Tibbett Ave (next to IN-Tech Academy) will soon be closed due to the illegal car-donuts and BBQing. The street will be open during school hours. Will be scheduling a resource fair for older adults in the district.

Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office

Welcome to the new community board members. The latest Borough President's Report has been emailed. The Borough President had her 9/11 event and upcoming events include African Heritage Festival on September 14 and National Voter Registration event on September 17. Flyers will be sent to the Board Office for distribution.

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

No report.

Report from the NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz

The NYC Council passed the budget. Held two budget forums in the district during the summer. The Board submits their budget priorities and CM Dinowitz goes over the items with the Board Chairperson, District Manager and Budget Chairperson, which then helps CM Dinowitz bring those priorities to the City Council budget and discretionary funds. Millions of dollars were brought to the district. Homeless person had set up an encampment on Vinmont Veteran Park which has now been removed. Reach out to the office for graffiti removal. Upcoming events include Shredding event on September 15, Street Co-Naming event for Betty and Lloyd Adams on September 22 and Flu Shot event on October 8. Following City of Yes for Housing Opportunity very closely and encourages everyone to stay engaged.

Roll Call

M. Della announced the roll call and committee members approved for ADA-eligibility. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Resolution: Law, Rules & Ethics Committee – ADA

M. Wolpoff presented the below resolution:

**LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION – ADA
September 12th, 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 October 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.

A MOTION was made by M. Wolpoff and SECONDED by M. Gibbs to VOTE on the Law, Rules & Ethics Committee ADA resolution.

In Favor: (34) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Law, Rules & Ethics Committee ADA resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Resolutions: Land Use Committee –

C. Moerdler presented the below resolutions:

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
September 12th, 2024**

**Re: 5701-5961 Palisade Ave. – SNAD Non-ULURP
James Power -Hebrew Home
5701-5961 Palisades Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471
SNAD District**

A Zoning Modification [ZS], pursuant to ZR 74-901 in addition to Special Natural Area District (SNAD) authorizations [ZA] under ZR 105-42 to facilitate the development of a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) by Hebrew Home for the Aged/RiverSpring Health located at 5701-5961 Palisade Avenue, in Community District 8, The Bronx.

WHEREAS, Jim Power Esq., Valerie Campbell, Valerie Mutterperl and Daniel Reingold has presented on the Zoning Modifications for the Hebrew Home Project at the Riverdale Campus.

WHEREAS, Hebrew Home has agreed to delay the demolition of the Victorian Home on the South Campus until January 1, 2025 so more historic investigation can be done and Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) can be notified.

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.

A MOTION was made by to VOTE on the Land Use Committee resolution.

In Favor: (22) B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Hausman, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (11) L. Chong, M. Gibbs, E. Green, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, A. Rivera, R. Singh, L. Spalter, J. Townes, K. Wade, K. Walker

Opposed: (1) D. Allen

The Land Use Committee resolution PASSED.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
September 12th, 2024**

**Resolution to Amend the New York City Zoning Code to Include
Community Board Offices in Residential Locations**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8) office is windowless, has no second egress, and is not compliant for American with Disabilities (ADA). All the mentioned factors making it a dangerous and likely unhealthy place for anyone to work in; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 office site should be located in a more centrally located area to better serve our community more equitably; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has been in search of a new office location since 2017 without success, due in part to the fact that the New York City (NYC) zoning codes currently restricts the establishment of community board offices to non-residential zones; and

WHEREAS, community board offices play a crucial role in facilitating local governance, community engagement, and public services; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of community board offices in residential zones would enhance accessibility for residents and promote greater community involvement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the New York City Zoning Resolution be amended as follows:

1. Amendment to Article II, Chapter 2:

Add a new section under Use Group 4 to permit community board offices as an allowable use in residential districts.

2. Specific Provisions:

- 1) Community board offices shall be permitted in R1 through R10 residential districts.
- 2) Such offices shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - i. The office shall not exceed 5,000 square feet in floor area.
 - ii. The office shall be located on the ground floor or basement level of the building.
 - iii. Adequate parking and accessibility provisions shall be made in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

3. Community Impact Assessment:

Prior to the establishment of a community board office in a residential district, a community impact assessment shall be conducted to evaluate potential effects on traffic, noise, and neighborhood character.

4. Notification and Public Hearing:

The proposed amendment shall be subject to a public hearing process, with notifications sent to affected community boards and residents at least 30 days prior to the hearing date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board 8 requests Amendment of the NYC Zoning Resolution to Include Community Board Offices in Residential Location, shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and shall be directed, enforced and complied with by ALL City agencies.

A MOTION was made by to VOTE on the Land Use Committee resolution.

In Favor: (34) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Land Use Committee resolution to amend the New York City Zoning Code to include Community Board offices in residential locations PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
September 12th, 2024**

**Re: 5501 Palisade Avenue – SNAD Non-ULURP
Sanna & Loccisano Architects
5501 Palisade Ave. Bronx, NY 10471
SNAD District**

Authorizations pursuant to 105-422 and 105-434 to facilitate the construction of two new single-family residences. The zoning lot is 74,677 square feet (2 DU's). This is a residential development that includes 9,556.73 square feet for residential and 65,120.27sf open space. This is being sought by a private applicant, Sanna & Loccisano Architects, at 5501 Palisade Avenue in Riverdale, Community District 8, Bronx.

WHEREAS, the representative for 5501 Palisade Avenue, Architect Michael Sanna, presented the project on demolishing a single home to construct two new single-family residences., and

WHEREAS, applicant confirmed no trees or topography will be removed or affected by the project, 70% of the site will be left green and,

WHEREAS, No construction will occur on the steep downslope area that comprises 30% of the property to prevent any silt or intrusion onto the Metro North Station area and,

WHEREAS, both buildings constitute a total of 30 % of the lot area, and

WHEREAS, Applicant informed all neighbors by certified mail 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.

A MOTION was made by to VOTE on the Land Use Committee resolution.

In Favor: (34) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Land Use Committee resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
September 12th, 2024**

**Re: 5701-5961 Palisade Ave. – SNAD Non-ULURP
James Power -Hebrew Home
5701-5961 Palisades Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471
SNAD District**

Renewal of the Special Permit and Authorizations for the Hebrew Home Project at the Riverdale Campus. The original permit was granted on September 26, 2018 (C180321 ZSX), including the following authorizations: 105-421, 105-422, 105-424, 105-425; and 105-432. The project is located at 5701-5961 Palisade Avenue, Riverdale, in Community District 8, The Bronx.

WHEREAS, Jim Power Esq., Valerie Campbell, Valerie Mutterperl and Daniel Reingold Presented on the Renewal of the Special Permit and Authorizations for the Hebrew Home Project at the Riverdale Campus.

WHEREAS, Applicant asked for Bronx Community Board 8 to agree to the modification of the Restrictive Declaration to reflect the updated Site Plan on the South Campus to be consistent with this application.

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.

A MOTION was made by to VOTE on the Land Use Committee resolution.

In Favor: (25) B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Hausman, R. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (9) D. Allen, L. Chong, M. Gibbs, E. Green, R. Hilliard, A. Rivera, G. Santiago, L. Spalter, J. Townes

Opposed: (0)

The Land Use Committee resolution PASSED.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
September 12th, 2024**

Re: LPC-24-08211

407 West 246th Street- Fieldston Historic District

BLOCK: 5819 LOT: 2115 ZONING DISTRICT: R1-2 / NA-2 CB8

Landmark Preservation Commission Application to Construct a rooftop addition, modify an entrance vestibule and garage roof, and replace railings being sought by the applicant in Fieldston, Community District 8, The Bronx.

WHEREAS, the representative for 407 West 246th Street, Architect John Field of Building Studio Architects, presented the project on the Construct a rooftop addition, modify an entrance vestibule and garage roof, and replace railings, and

WHEREAS, applicant informed all neighbors within 200 feet of the property

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

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Land Use Committee APPROVES this application.

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

A MOTION was made by to VOTE on the Land Use Committee resolution.

In Favor: (32) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (2) J. Reyes, J. Townes

Opposed: (0)

The Land Use Committee resolution PASSED.

Resolution: Economic Development Committee – SAPO (Church Outside the Walls)

The following resolution was presented:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
September 12th, 2024**

**Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) Application Review: Church Outside the Walls
Block Party**

WHEREAS, a representative (Joanna Cuesta) on behalf of the Church Outside the Walls Block Party scheduled for Sept 8th, 2024 and September 22, 2024 from 11:00 am – 3:30 pm appeared before the Economic Development Committee on September 3rd, 2024 and answered all questions concerning the planned event; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee approves the submitted SAPO application due to the facts that this event has been held in the past with no issues or complaints from locals. This is approved based on no objections from NYPD and working on rerouting the bus routes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Bronx Community Board 8 approves the submitted SAPO application due to the facts that this event has been held in the past with no issues or complaints from locals. This is approved based on no objections from NYPD and working on rerouting the bus routes.

A MOTION was made by to VOTE on the Economic Development Committee resolution.

In Favor: (34) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Economic Development Committee resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Report from the NYC Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez

An exciting and important development regarding the Kingsbridge Armory. The Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) have identified a preferred development team for the Kingsbridge Armory. \$200 million of public dollars have been secured dedicated to the armory. Great ideas shared by the community. Elected officials do not select the development teams. Passed a piece of legislation where the Fire Department has to notify elected officials and community boards when there is a fire in the community.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024

In Favor: (32) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Board Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2024 were UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2024

None.

Chairperson's Report

Thank you to the Bronx Borough President for hosting a BBQ for board members during the summer.

Extend our condolences to the Borough President since her mother passed away.

Ove the summer, DM F. Kule Rubin and Chairperson J. Reyes attended events and had meetings with elected officials. Also had a meeting with the leadership of the New Visions Charter High School for the Humanities and discussed future collaborations.

Attended the New York Yankees Youth Leadership Awards Ceremony at Yankee Stadium, alongside DM F. Kule Rubin, where five CB8 recipients received their awards.

Due to personal reasons, Board Member R. Pochter Lowe has resigned from the Board. Her service throughout the years is much appreciated.

Thank you to Board Members that volunteered in many events throughout the summer.

We tabled at National Night Out, Back to School Resource Fair at Fort Independence Houses and Marble Hill Family Day.

A pleasure working alongside DM F. Kule Rubin for the new member orientation. Special thanks to all our presenters.

Special thanks to DM F. Kule Rubin, Community Coordinator A. Malziu and Intern J. Adorno for all the work that you do.

District Manager's Report (DM)

It was a great and busy summer. We worked on the calendar for the upcoming year.

The Board tabled at many events as mentioned such as National Night Out, Back to School Resource Fair at Fort Independence Houses and Marble Hill Family Day.

Thank you to the Yankees for honoring the five CB8 Youth Leadership Awards recipients at Yankee Stadium. The Yankees also donated bookbags for the Back-to-School event.

We will be tabling at events such as "Boo on Mosholu" in October and hope to continue our Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway in November. Tabling at IN-Tech Academy's Block Party in September.

We worked on constituent services throughout the summer. We appreciate the communication and partnership with our local elected officials and city agencies that work with us on these issues.

We did a drive through with NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz in areas that have illegal dumping and potentially placing cameras there.

We have been meeting with our elected officials to discuss the budget and issues in our district.

Attended the Borough President's New Community Board Member Orientation, as well as hosting our own for new members and chairs.

Held the District Service Cabinet (DSC) meeting. The next DSC meeting is on October 1st.

Working on Summer-Fall 2024 Newsletter that will coming out soon.

Special thanks to Intern J. Adorno who has helped with updating records, prepare for the new member orientation, and more.

Encourage chairs to send your agenda within 10 days before the meeting and minutes within 10 days after the meeting.

Thanks to Chairperson J. Reyes and Community Coordinator A. Malziu for your support throughout.

Committee Reports:

a) Budget – Although we are in calendar year 2024, fiscally for the City, we are in calendar year 2025 which runs from July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025. We are preparing to consider, prioritize and submit FY 2026 capital and expense budget priorities to the Mayor’s Office. There will be a Public Hearing on October 8 from 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm for the public to provide their input for the FY 2026 capital and expense budget priorities.

b) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs – The next meeting is on September 22nd.

c) Environment & Sanitation – Next meeting is on September 24th and a representative from the Department of Sanitation will be in attendance.

d) Health, Hospitals & Social Services – The next meeting will be held jointly with the Special Committee on Racial Equity on September 30th.

e) Housing – The next meeting is on September 23rd. The agenda is forthcoming.

f) Youth Committee – The next meeting is on September 16th and a representative from the Department of Youth and Community Development will be in attendance to talk about the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

g) Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) – The next meeting will be held jointly with the Health, Hospitals & Social Services Committee on September 30th. In June, SCRE published its interim report on what the Community Board has done to advance equity in our district.

h) Special Committee on Veterans’ Services – The next meeting will be on September 26th at the Bronx Ale House. The Veterans Day Ceremony at Memorial Grove is scheduled for November 3rd at noon.

i) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – No meeting scheduled for September and everyone will be informed when the next meeting is scheduled.

j) Aging – Did not have a meeting in September. The next meeting will be on October 10th and the speaker will be the new CEO David Pomeranz. The Aging Committee plans on updating the Senior Resource Guide this year.

k) Parks – The next meeting will be on September 25th and the speaker will be the new Managing Director of the Van Cortlandt House Museum (VCHM) Margaret Holmes. VCHM is operated by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America which has formed a

Community Advisory Committee. The Mayor's Office has requested the city agencies to look into their real estate holdings to see if they have anything to offer for housing. The Parks Department has a lot of undeveloped land and keeping an eye out for this in the district. The Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) has been understaffed and for many years, the Board has requested to have a PEP Command in Van Cortlandt Park because the closest one is in Orchard Beach.

l) Public Safety- The next meeting will be on September 17th at the NYPD 50th Precinct. Special guest speaker will be NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz on legislation he has introduced regarding unlawful concealment identity. Seven (7) State Liquor Authority applications on the agenda.

m) Traffic & Transportation - The next meeting will be on September 19th where a SAPO application will be discussed regarding the Horace Mann Homecoming.

Elected Official Reports

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:

Gave out over 3,000 backpacks this summer. On September 16th, there will be a Free Flu and COVID vaccines at the Riverdale Y. On September 21st, there will be a Scavenger Hunt at the Bronx Zoo. Contact the office for more information and to RSVP.

Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's Office:

Upcoming event: 5K Walk/Roll/Run Against Domestic Violence on October 26th in front of Borough Hall.

NYC Council Member Eric Dinowitz's Office:

Upcoming event: Shredding Event on September 18th. Resolved encampment issue on Vinmont Veteran Park. Leaf bags available at the office.

Treasurer's Report & Resolutions

The budget for FY 2025 is \$276,915. No budget modifications and \$0 in encumbered funds. \$54,507 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail. An amendment to the Draft FY2025 Operating Budget (passed in the June 2024 meeting) was proposed requesting a total of \$22,383 (see below).

Based on the current needs of the office, the following budget is recommended for FY2025 for Bronx Community Board 8 by the Treasurer and the Board Chair.

WHEREAS, the Treasurer and Chair of Bronx Community Board 8 prepared a projected operating budget (below) for the Board's expenses for FY 2025.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 approves the projected operating budget for FY 2025.

Short code	Description	FY 2025
100	Supplies and Materials - General	\$ 3,900
101	Printing Supplies	\$ 500
117	Postage	\$ 150
302	Telecommunications Equipment	\$ 250
314	Office Furniture	\$ 0
315	Office Equipment	\$ 500
40B	DOIT Phone Expenses	\$ 2,483
400	Contractual Expenditures - General	\$ 100
406	Professional Services - Contractual	\$ 4,000
417	Advertising	\$ 250
451	Local Travel Expenditures - General	\$ 100
499	Other Expenditures - General	\$ 2,000
600	Contractual Services - General	\$ 100
608	Maintenance and Repairs - General - Contractual	\$ 250
624	Cleaning Services - Contractual	\$ 7,800
706	Prompt Payments Interest	\$ 100
Total		\$ 22,483

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Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Draft FY2025 Operating Budget, as amended, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairperson's Resolution

Chairperson J. Reyes presented the below resolution:

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 RESOLUTION
CONTINUATION OF PAID INTERN
September 12th, 2024**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8) District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin requests the continuation of employment of CB8 intern until December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the intern will continue to assist 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, the intern's stipend would continue via CB8 budget at approximately \$1,000 per month at the New York City's minimum \$16.00 an hour wage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves the continuation of the current intern's appointment until December 31, 2024.

In Favor: (31) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Executive Session

A MOTION was made by Chairperson J. Reyes and SECONDED by R. Singh to enter Executive Session.

In Favor: (31) D. Allen, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappily, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, R. Kaplan, J. Land, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, A. Rivera, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The MOTION is approved UNANIMOUSLY.

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Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The MOTION is approved UNANIMOUSLY.

Next Monthly Board Meeting: October 8, 2024

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by R. Singh and SECONDED by E. Hausman to adjourn.

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:36 pm.

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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