



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE

OFFICERS:

Vice Chairperson
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Immediate Past Chairperson
Laura Spalter

DATE: Tuesday, January 14, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM

PLACE: Manhattan University
3900 Waldo Avenue, Kelly Commons Room 5A,
Bronx, NY 10471

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

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COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

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Law, Rules & Ethics
Martin Wolpoff

Parks & Recreation
Debra Travis

Public Safety
Edward Green

Traffic & Transportation
Josh Land

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All Committee Members must attend in-person, except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act who may request an accommodation from the chairperson of the Board permitting them to attend via video/teleconferencing and be counted in the quorum.

The General public is encouraged to participate via Zoom due to room limitations.

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

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Report from the Mayor's Office
4. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
5. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
6. Council Member's Report
 - Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
 - Council Member Eric Dinowitz
 - Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
7. Elected Officials Reports
8. Roll Call
9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024
10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2024

11. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
12. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
13. District Manager's Report
14. Committee Reports and Resolutions
 - Aging
 - Budget
 - Economic Development
 - Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
 - Environment & Sanitation
 - Health, Hospitals & Social Services
 - Housing
 - Land Use
 - Law, Rules & Ethics
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Public Safety
 - Traffic & Transportation
 - Youth
 - Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
 - Special Committee on Racial Equity
 - Special Committee on Veteran Services
15. Miscellaneous
16. Executive Session Based on Open Meetings Law 105.F: Personnel Matters
17. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2025
18. Adjournment

Julie Reyes

Chairperson



Pursuant to New York State legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul (Bill S1150A), The Community Board is required to post material to be discussed at a public meeting. Please know that the material below has not been voted on or discussed by the full board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
December 17th, 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On December 17th, 2024, David Lindsay, a Representative of Kingsbridge Social Club, located at 3625 Kingsbridge Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to renew the establishment's liquor license.

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

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On December 17th, 2024, Aroma Restaurant & Bar located at 5523 Broadway, submitted an application to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant 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.

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS Brian Weinstein, District Manager of Gourmet Dining LLC, located at 4513 Manhattan College Parkway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee on December 17th, 2024, to apply for new liquor licenses at four locations on Manhattan College property: Thomas Hall 4th floor, President's Dining Room; Squeri Hall/Smith Auditorium; Kelly Commons 4th & 5th floors; Draddy Gymnasium.

WHEREAS, the applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of operation on all four licenses.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved all four applications.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves these four applications.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION (from December 19, 2024)
January 14, 2025
SAPO APPLICATION SAR 56th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS, the SAR Academy (Nick Fadda the Applicant), 655 W 254th Street, Bronx, NY 10471, presented its request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its 56th Anniversary Celebration to be held at the campus located at 503 W 259th Street, Bronx, NY 10471 on Saturday, January 11, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested to restrict curb lane usage on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00 am to 11:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has not requested to restrict vehicular traffic.

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the SAR Academy for the curb lane restrictions on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00am to 11:30pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the issuance of a permit to the SAR Academy for the curb lane restrictions on W 259th Street between Riverdale Avenue and Netherland Avenue and Netherland Avenue and 259th Street and the dead-end street of Netherland Avenue on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 7:00am to 11:30pm.

Traffic & Transportation Committee
RESOLUTION (from December 19, 2024)
January 14, 2024
SAPO APPLICATION BioBus at PS315

WHEREAS, Bio Bus at PS 315 attended the Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting on December 19th, to ask for the SAPO application for elementary school students to learn about various science topics in a mobile science lab next to PS315.

WHEREAS, the BioBus (Ruth DuranChea, the Applicant), 2865 Claflin Ave, Bronx, NY 10468, presented its request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its BioBus to be held at 2865 Claflin Ave., Bronx, NY 10468 on Tuesday, February 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested to restrict all parking on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue on Saturday, Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested to put the Biobus in the parking lane.

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the parking restrictions on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue for the Lab School at 2865 Claflin, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the parking restrictions on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue for the Lab School at 2865 Claflin, on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 from 6:00am to 4:00pm.

**Land Use Committee
Resolution (from 01/06/2025)
January 14, 2025**

Re: **3111 Henry Hudson Parkway SNAD Botanic Modification Non-ULURP**

An authorization #105-421 to facilitate a modification of topographic features on Tier I sites for the development of seven townhouses with a total square feet of 15,959 and 5,213 total square feet of open space, is being sought by seton private applicant at 3111 Henry Hudson Parkway in Spuyten Duyvil, Community District #8, in The Bronx.

WHEREAS, the developer for 3111 Henry Hudson Parkway, Denis Gjini, presented the project on demolishing a single home to construct 7 new single-family townhomes with 4 curb cuts, and

WHEREAS, applicant confirmed multiple trees of large and small caliper and topography will be removed or affected by the project to place driveways and curb cuts, among them trees that appear to be on public property, and,

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Land Use Committee requested the developer to reach out to NYC Parks to determine whether it would approve the removal of street trees and to confirm size of trees and placement of trees they are going to replace on the City Sidewalk, and

WHEREAS, committee requested the developer to offer an alternative to removing the trees to examine whether or not to minimize the damage to large caliper trees on property wherever possible, or provide some mitigation report, and

WHEREAS, Applicant insisted that he would not meet with the Parks Department to discuss the trees nor could he submit a full mitigation report until after the community board approves the project and it is submitted to the City Planning Commission, and

WHEREAS, there is a consistent pattern on developers refusal to cooperate on this project and prior refusal on another project.

WHEREAS, for the reasons set forth above, the Land Use Committee unanimously DISAPPROVES this application.

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