



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE - Amended

OFFICERS:

Vice Chairperson
Sergio Villaverde

Secretary
Margaret Della

Treasurer
Joy Campbell Priveterre

Immediate Past Chairperson
Laura Spalter

DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

PLACE: IN-Tech Academy M.S./H.S. 368 – Library
2975 Tibbett Ave, Bronx, NY 10463 – **Parking Available**

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

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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Aging
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Economic Development
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Law, Rules & Ethics
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Parks & Recreation
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Public Safety
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Traffic & Transportation
Josh Land

Youth
Ramdat Singh

All Board 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.

Public Hearing at 6:30 PM for report and comments on response from City Agencies on the Capital/Expense Budget Priorities for year 2026.

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 Eric Dinowitz
 - Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
 - Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
7. Elected Officials Reports
8. Roll Call
9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2025
10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 8, 2025
11. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
12. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions

13. District Manager's Report

14. Committee Reports and Resolutions

- 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
- Irving Ladimer Community Service Award Committee
- Aging

15. Old and New Business

16. Executive Session Based on Open Meetings Law 105.F

17. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 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
January 21st, 2024

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On January 21st, 2025, An Beal Bocht located at 445 West 238th Street, 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.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On January 21st, 2025, Sean Berry, a Representative of The Punch Bowl, located at 5820 Broadway, 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 January 21st, 2025, Jakes Steakhouse, located at 6031 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.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On January 21st, 2025, Flame, located at 65740 Broadway – Unit D, 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.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On January 21st, 2025, Eddie Vega, a Representative of TCR Tennis Club of Riverdale, located at 2600 Netherland 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.

PUBLIC SAFETY RESOLUTION
SUPPORT FOR PRISCILLA'S LAW (CITY COUNCIL INTRO BILL 606)
January 21, 2025

WHEREAS, there has been a massive increase in e-bike ridership since their legalization in 2020, NYC Councilmember Robert Holden has introduced Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) sponsored by 29 Councilmembers, including Councilman Eric Dinowitz, and is supported by NYC Mayor Eric Adams and the NYC E-Vehicle Safety Alliance.

WHEREAS, Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) is *"a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring that every bicycle with electric assist, electric scooter and other motorized vehicle be licensed and registered by DOT and receive an identifying number which would be displayed on a visible plate affixed to the vehicle."* (Medical mobility scooters are exempt).

WHEREAS, the law is named after Priscilla Loke, a beloved 68-year-old HeadStart Teacher, who was run down and killed by an e-biker as she walked to work in Chinatown in September of 2023.

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee has received persistent resident complaints about speeding e-bikes and scooters operating recklessly on sidewalks, running red lights, ignoring crosswalks, and going the wrong way down one-way streets, creating dangerous conditions for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

WHEREAS, the 50th Precinct has reported that e-bikes have been used in Van Cortlandt Park and elsewhere to facilitate robberies and other criminal activity, and registration can assist Park PEP Officers to identify law-breakers.

WHEREAS, since the City Council legalized e-bikes and scooters in 2020, 10 pedestrians, 33 cyclists and 3 motorists have been killed (46 total) and 979 pedestrians, 2,573 cyclists and 500 motorists have been injured (4,052 total) in crashes involving e-bikes and scooters (as per city data: NYC Crash Mapper - 2/10/25)

WHEREAS, the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission reports there were 104 fatalities and 53,200 emergency room visits associated with e-bikes and 111 fatalities and 169,300 emergency room visits associated with e-scooters from 2017-2022.

WHEREAS, unlike e-bike identification stickers required by businesses, surveillance cameras can record images of e-bike license plates, making often dangerous police chases unnecessary, and traffic violations easier to enforce.

WHEREAS, data from other countries and cities indicate that when motorized transportation devices are registered, licensed and insured - fatalities and injuries decrease dramatically (ex. 29% fewer deaths, 64% fewer crashes in Denmark).

WHEREAS, sponsors of the bill state that e-bike batteries have been responsible for over 735 battery fires resulting in 500 injuries and 30 deaths since 2019, and mandatory licensing and registration would help identify owners of e-bikes involved in fires.

WHEREAS, the IDNYC Program issues ID to all New Yorkers for health benefits, housing, employment, etc., regardless of immigration status, thus enabling undocumented immigrants to obtain proper identification for registration.

WHEREAS, sponsors of the bill advocate for free registration or minimal cost in order to reduce financial burdens.

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee believes Priscilla's Law (Intro Bill 606) will improve public safety by providing accountability, serve as a deterrent to reckless traffic violators, and prevent numerous injuries and fatalities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports Priscilla's Law and urges the New York City Council to pass Intro Bill 606 into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests funds be allocated in the city budget to provide resources for its implementation while addressing concerns of the migrant and business communities.

**Land Use Committee
Resolution
2/3/2025**

Re: **5445 Palisade Avenue-SNAD** Non-ULURP 2025X0153
Khanna Schultz Architecture & Design
5445 Palisade Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471 SNAD District

Land Use Committee Resolution:

A SNAD 105-421 Authorization to facilitate a 60 sq. ft. enlargement at the west side of the first floor of the house, including kitchen, patio, and porch extension with a new 4ft pool is being sought by private applicant, Khanna Schultz Architecture and Design at 5445 Palisade Avenue in North Riverdale, Community District 08, Bronx, NY.

WHEREAS, the representative for 5445 Palisade Avenue, Architect Robert Schulz, presented the project on a modification within an existing single family home R1-1/NA2 Zone to construct a 60 square foot addition to west side of first floor of house to provide an expanded kitchen, an expanded open porch on grade on the west side of house , new patio areas on grade, an expanded cellar light well and a small new swimming pool set within an existing paved sunken patio area, and

WHEREAS, the Architect confirmed no existing trees or topography will be removed or affected by the project and Ken Almstead, a certified Arborist, submitted a letter as requested by the committee confirming there will be no impact on the existing trees, and

WHEREAS, the project is guided by principals of conservation and ecological enhancement, and

WHEREAS, no construction will occur on the steep downslope area that comprises 60% of the property and no intrusion onto the Metro North Station area, and

WHEREAS, the building constitutes a total of 19 % of the lot area, and natural developed area is 81% of the property, and

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

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

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

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