

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Full Board Meeting
April 8, 2025, 7:30 PM
Riverdale Y
5625 Arlington Ave, Bronx, NY 10471

Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (30 present for quorum)

Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong, Yngrid DeLeon, Margaret Della, Johanna Edmondson, Nicholas Fazio, Steven Froot, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Angel Ortega, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowen, Georgia Santiago, Ramdat Singh, Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Jyll D. Townes, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Kevin Wade, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent (7)

Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Dr. Julia Gomez, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Charles Moerdler, Adiana Rivera, Karen Walker

Staff

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

Guests

NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz, NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez; Representatives from NYPD 50th Precinct – Lieutenant Brian Wolvers & Detective Rasha Jamsheer, NYC Mayor Eric Adams - Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough President (BP) Vanessa L. Gibson – Alexis Ruiz, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark – Jeffrey Peña, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Flavia Salazar, NYS Senator Robert Jackson – Dario Quinsac, NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz – Nayise Gonzalez, NYC Council Member (CM) Carmen De La Rosa – Jamilah Sandoval and NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz – Jenna Klaus; Public Gallery Session Speakers – Serge Hamilton-Hazarika, Laura Chenven, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Nikole York, Joycelyn Koutodzo and Aissatou Barry

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the Full Board meeting at 7:40 pm.

Prior to the meeting, we had a Defending Immigrant Neighbors & Community Support Forum. The recording for the forum can be found [here](#).

Thanks to the Riverdale Y for hosting the meeting.

S. Alexander, L. Chong, M. Gibbs, B. Kail, C. Moerdler, G. Santiago and M. Wolpoff were approved for ADA excusal and must have their cameras turned on in Zoom. Board members who are on Zoom, but not approved for ADA excusal, will be marked absent but are allowed to participate in the meeting.

Public Gallery Session

Serge Hamilton-Hazarika and Laura Chenven – Request for Bronx Community Board 8 to consider issuing a resolution of support for the proposed Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway

Caesar Tobar Acosta – Presentation on the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Bronx, spearheaded by the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition, in partnership with the BxEDC

Nikole York, Joycelyn Koutodzo and Aissatou Barry – Presentation on Bronx Health Sciences High School (BHS) and Teaching a Generation (T.A.G.) Youth Town Hall titled “The Danger Is Real: A Youth-Led Forum on Drugs,” taking place at the Boston Secor Community Center on Monday, April 28th

Report from the Mayor’s Office

New phase of the “Operation Padlock to Protect” initiative. The sheriff's task force is prepared to continue conducting enforcement and asks anyone that sees any illegal smoke shops, please call 311.

The NYC Mayor is asking the NYC Council to pass bills related to sidewalk sheds.

If people are having issues with composting, please contact the Board or Alina at the Mayor’s Office for assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Alina Dowe at the Mayor’s Office at adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Report from the Bronx Borough President’s Office

Hoping to attend the next meeting in person.

The Community Board Meeting Report has been sent out. If you are interested in reading the report, please contact the Board or Bronx Borough President’s office.

Community Board Recognition Event happening during Bronx Week on May 7th. Flyer forthcoming and RSVP is required.

Still interviewing board members for their renewal applications. Please schedule your interviews if you have not already, as they are required.

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

For the 28-day period, robberies are down 30%, 7 vs. 10 for the same period last year. Felony Assaults are down 16%, 15 vs. 18. Burglaries are up 54%, 17 vs. 11. One recidivist and it took a couple of days for the squad to identify him. 7 separate arrests on him. Burglary arrests are up 18 vs. 3 (500% increase). Grand Larcenies are down 41%, 35 vs. 60. Grand Larceny Auto (GLA) broke even for the 21-day period which is 22 vs. 22 (0% change). Overall crime is down 99 vs. 121 (18.2% decrease).

311 complaint reported by Vice Chair S. Villaverde regarding the abandoned vehicle on Post Road. There was a tow operation conducted by the NYPD on March 29-30 that started on Goulden Ave. When going over to Post Road to remove the abandoned vehicle, the NYPD ended up running into a car meet-up on Jerome Ave. Confiscated numerous speakers and towed vehicles.

NYC Council Member's (CM) Report

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez:

CM Sanchez has been working with the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition (NWBCCC) for the last two years regarding issues at the building on 2201 Davidson Avenue. The landlord owed \$28 million in municipal arrears, 600 open New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) violations, 90 New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) violations and 60 health violations. Petitioned the City to restart the third-party transfer program in that building. Today, the transfer went through, and the building is no longer owned by this landlord, rather it is now owned by Neighborhood Restore and the tenants are petitioning to become owners of their property. 2201 Davidson Avenue is the poster child for what is trying to be done with CM Sanchez's Housing Rescue and Resident Protection Act (Intro. 1063) which takes the third-party transfer program and completely changes the formula and the way it works so that we go after the worst of the worst landlords in NYC.

Community Day will be held on April 19 at St. James Park.

Community engagement session was held in 2023 for the Kingsbridge Armory. In 2024, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) was vetting 11 applications for the Armory. In January 2025, NYCEDC announced the winner which is MADD Equities. They are now in contract with NYCEDC to bring the Kingsbridge Armory through the land use process and essentially redevelop it. Starting with a \$200 million down payment. They are also in active conversations with potential tenants that are going to comprise of a program that will meet the community's needs and requirements.

NYC Council Member (CM) Carmen De La Rosa:

No report.

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz's Office:

Holding a walkthrough on April 9th with the NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS) on Broadway and West 242nd Street to offer resources to small businesses in that corridor. This is the site of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) elevator project. This is a crucial project, but it is affecting some businesses there.

Local Law 44, introduced by CM Dinowitz, which allows for senior citizen rent increase exemption application forms to be pre-populated with applicable data to eligible persons living in city-supervised Mitchell-Lama housing, will be implemented this summer.

The office is collecting feedback on budget priorities for Fiscal Year 2026. Submit your budget ideas at ericdinowitz.nyc/budgetfeedback.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Board Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2025

None.

Treasurer's Report & Resolutions

The total budget is \$277,716 and it is broken down by Personal Services (PS) and Other than Personal Services (OTPS). The total OTPS budget is \$25,484 and there is \$9,575 left in the OTPS budget. A breakdown of the various object codes in the OTPS budget was announced in Table 1.1. \$0 in requested funds and \$0 in encumbered funds. \$1,791 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail.

Treasurer J. Campbell Priveterre presented the below FY2025 OTPS Budget Modification:

The following table details the current operational budget for FY2025 for Bronx Community Board 8 and the budget modifications necessary to properly reallocate funding to support the work of the Board office.

WHEREAS, to support the work of the Board Office, a budget modification for FY25 has been prepared and is below.

BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the budget modification in order to further support the work of the Community Board Office.

Short code	Description	2025 Original	FY25 April MOD	2025 Final Budget	Remaining
100	Supplies and Materials – General	\$ 3,900	\$ 1,327	\$ 5,227	\$ 3,905
101	Printing Supplies	\$ 500	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
117	Postage	\$ 150	\$ (150)	\$ -	\$ -
302	Telecommunications Equipment	\$ 250	\$ (250)	\$ -	\$ -
314	Office Furniture	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
315	Office Equipment	\$ 500	\$ (500)	\$ -	\$ -
319	Security Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
332	Purchases of Data Processing Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
40B	DOIT Phone Expenses	\$ 2,483	\$ -	\$ 2,483	\$ -
400	Contractual Expenditures - General	\$ 100	\$ (100)	\$ -	\$ -
406	Professional Services - Contractual	\$ 7,000		\$ 7,000	\$ 249
417	Advertising	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
451	Local Travel Expenditures - General	\$ 100	\$ (37)	\$ 63	\$ -
499	Other Expenditures - General	\$ 2,001	\$ (1,000)	\$ 1,001	\$ 1,001
600	Contractual Services - General	\$ 100	\$ (100)	\$ -	\$ -
608	Maintenance and Repairs - General - Contractual	\$ 250	\$ (90)	\$ 160	\$ -
624	Cleaning Services - Contractual	\$ 7,800	\$ -	\$ 7,800	\$ 2,670
706	Prompt Payments Interest	\$ 100	\$ (100)	\$ -	\$ -
Total		\$ 25,484	\$ 2,327	\$ 25,484	\$ 9,575

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Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The FY2025 OTPS Budget Modification PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer J. Campbell Priveterre presented the below FY2025 PS & OTPS Budget Modification:

The following tables detail the current operational budget for FY2025 for Bronx Community Board 8 and the budget modifications necessary to properly reallocate funding to support the work of the Board office.

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has confirmed that funds are available to transfer from PS to OTPS,

WHEREAS, to support the work of the board office, a budget modification for FY25 has been prepared,

WHEREAS, \$11,000 from Personal Services (PS) will transfer to Other Than Personal Services (OTPS), broken down as follows,

- \$6,400 will be transferred to Code 100 – Supplies and Materials – General
- \$1,600 will be transferred to Code 101 – Printing Supplies
- \$3,000 will be transferred to Code 406 – Professional Services – Contractual

BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the budget modification in order to further support the work of the Community Board Office.

Appropriation		Budget	FY25 April MOD	Remaining
Personal Services (PS)	\$	252,232	\$ (11,000)	\$ 114,395
Other Than Personal Services (OTPS)	\$	25,484	\$ 11,000	\$ 20,575

*Refer to 1.1

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Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The FY2025 PS & OTPS Budget Modification PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Treasurer J. Campbell Priveterre presented the below Paid Intern with Stipend resolution:

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 RESOLUTION
PAID INTERN WITH STIPEND
April 8, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 District Manager (DM), Farrah Kule Rubin, requests an intern to assist in 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' resolutions, 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, DM Kule Rubin has conferred with the Board Treasurer and the Board Chairperson and note that a stipend of approximately \$3,250 would be available for the intern from April 8, 2025, to June 30, 2025.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves the inclusion of a paid intern at the Board office.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Paid Intern with Stipend resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chairperson's Report & Resolutions

Refer to the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes when they are made available.

The following board members did not reapply: Kelli Buford, David Gellman, Josh Land, Oscar Martinez and Omar Murray. The Board thanks them for all the work that they have done over the years. They will be in touch and are reachable.

The Economic Development Committee Vice Chair Constance Barnes-Watson will assume the position of the committee's Chair since she was the Vice Chair.

The Budget Committee Vice Chair Joy Campbell Priveterre will assume the position of the committee's Chair since she was the Vice Chair.

This evening, we will have elections for the position of Chair of the Traffic & Transportation Committee.

District Manager's (DM) Report

Refer to the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes when they are made available.

April is Volunteer Month and posted various volunteer opportunities in the district.

Attended the Bronx Borough Service Cabinet Meeting where they had presentations and will send to the Board.

Attended a briefing with the MTA and Chairperson J. Reyes regarding their ADA elevator project on Broadway and West 242nd Street train station. The project will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2026.

CM Dinowitz's office is doing a walkthrough tomorrow with the businesses affected by this project on West 242nd and invited us to attend. Asked the Economic Development Committee to attend as their commercial corridor walkthrough location this month.

Held a walkthrough with Alina Dowe of the Mayor's Office and members of the Boards of 601 and 609 Kappock Street to discuss the issues on the ownership of the dangerous pathway between the two buildings and what options there might be on this. Connected them with our local historian to find out the origins of this pathway and who owns it.

Attended a meet and greet with Chairperson J. Reyes, the program director of Westhab and Representatives from the NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) at the Waldo Sanctuary which is a family Shelter in our district. We discussed resources we have available to them, as well as informing them of our Know Your Rights Forum for immigrants and neighbors. We have not had any problems with the shelter here. They said the community is very welcoming and the families are integrating well into the neighborhood.

Working with the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) for a DOB in our Office at an April date.

We have our first tabling event coming up on May 18, 2025 – North Riverdale Block Festival.

With the budget modifications approved, will be ordering much needed supplies and reordering resource guides.

Working on a list of past recipients of Bronx Community Board 8 Awards.

Election of Traffic & Transportation Committee Chairperson

Chairperson J. Reyes asked for nominations from the floor for Traffic & Transportation Committee Chairperson. The Traffic & Transportation Committee does have a Vice Chairperson but they are already a Chairperson for another committee. Our bylaws do not allow for board members to Chair more than one committee. J. Campbell Priveterre nominated D. Allen for Chair of the Traffic & Transportation Committee. D. Allen accepted the nomination. A motion was made to close the nominations.

Election of Traffic & Transportation Committee Chairperson – Debby Allen

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Debby Allen is UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED Chairperson of the Traffic & Transportation Committee.

Election of Nominating Committee – Nominating Committee following tonight’s Board meeting

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

Debby Allen (Nominated by E. Green)

Bob Bender (Nominated by C. Tobar Acosta)

Ed Green (Nominated by L. Spalter)

Caesar Tobar Acosta (Nominated by D. Allen)

Jessica Sosa (Nominated by R. Singh)

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Ed Green, Caesar Tobar Acosta and Jessica Sosa are UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED as members of this year’s Nominating Committee.

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

The following guidance was read aloud to the Committee by Chairperson J. Reyes:

“Board Members who are putting together a proposed slate should make their choice bearing in mind that it is both good policy as well as conducive to the smooth functioning of the Board to strive for a Nominating Committee and a slate of proposed Officers and Committee Chairs who represent diversity in geographic areas within the Board, communities, ethnic and racial groups, professional and work backgrounds and ages. The choices made should also consider the experience of any nominee as a Board Member and the extent of the interest shown by any such nominee in participating in Board matters. These factors, while not meant to impel any particular individual choice, should always serve as general guidance.”

The policy and rules of the Nominating Committee may be found in the Bronx Community Board 8 Ethical Guidance Manual: <https://cbbronx.cityofnewyork.us/cb8/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/04/ethical-guidance-manual-v4.1.24.pdf>

NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz's Report

AM Dinowitz spoke about Assembly Bill A3133, which he sponsors, and establishes masked harassment when a person wears a mask or other face covering that intentionally hides or conceals their face for the primary purpose of menacing or threatening another person or placing another person or group of persons in reasonable fear for their physical safety.

More information on the bill can be found here:

<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/A3133>

Urges the Board to vote in favor of the Public Safety Committee resolution in support of this bill.

Committee Reports & Resolutions

a) **Aging** – The next Aging Committee meeting will be on April 10th (no meeting in March).

b) **Economic Development** –

A **MOTION** was made by C. Barnes-Watson and **SECONDED** by R. Singh to submit a resolution from the floor and add it to the agenda for the Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant (MVM) Award.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

C. Barnes-Watson presented the below resolution:

**BETTY CAMPBELL-ADAMS
MOST VALUABLE MERCHANT (MVM) AWARD
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
April 8, 2025**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 (Community Board) annually accepts nominations for the Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant (MVM) Award; and

WHEREAS, criteria for consideration are that the nominee has worked to enhance economic growth, improve community relations, and increase civic participation in the Bronx Community Board 8 area, and the award is open to individual merchants, and businesses operating in the community; and

WHEREAS, nominations for the MVM Award were received by the Community Board office between January 20, 2025, and the announced submission deadline of March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee reviewed the nominations received and unanimously selected a list of nominees to receive the MVM Award, which were submitted to the Executive Board on April 2, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the selection of Salvatores of Soho, Emiliano's Market and Liebman's Deli to receive the Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award (MVM); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Economic Development Committee recommends that future presentation of the MVM Award be conducted in the month of May– coinciding with National Small Business Month.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**The Betty Campbell-Adams Most Valuable Merchant (MVM) Award resolution
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

c) Parks & Recreation – D. Travis presented the below resolutions:

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT (SAPO) FOR THE
JAMES BALDWIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER CAR FREE EARTH DAY SPRING
JUBILEE
MARCH 26, 2025**

WHEREAS, Raymond Pultinas of the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center appeared before the committee to request a street activity permit to host a pop-up farmers markets on Saturday April 26 from 10:00am to 4:00pm;

WHEREAS, the event will occur on an unused, former slip lane bordered by Sedgwick Avenue, Goulden Avenue and Paul Avenue adjacent to DeWitt Clinton High School with no impact to parking or the vehicular right of way;

WHEREAS, JBOLC has operated a farmers market every summer at this location since August, 2020 without incident involving sound, crowd control or vehicle access and is broadly perceived as a positive benefit to the community;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Car Free Earth Day Spring Jubilee.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Car Free Earth Day Spring Jubilee.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the Street Activity Permit (SAPO) for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Car Free Earth Day Spring Jubilee PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT (SAPO) FOR THE
JAMES BALDWIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER GARDEN COMMUNITY FARMERS
MARKET
MARCH 26, 2025**

WHEREAS, Raymond Pultinas of the JBOLC Garden Community Farmers Market appeared before the committee to request a street activity permit to operate a farmers market on Saturdays from June 13, 2025 until October 25, 2025;

WHEREAS, the event will occur on an unused, former slip lane bordered by Sedgwick Avenue, Goulden Avenue and Paul Avenue adjacent to DeWitt Clinton High School with no impact to parking or the vehicular right of way;

WHEREAS, this farmers market has operated every summer at this location since August, 2020 without incident involving sound, crowd control or vehicle access and is broadly perceived as a positive benefit to the community;

WHEREAS, this farmers market provides fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and natural juices and supports local and Bronx-based vendors, musicians, artists, and chefs;

WHEREAS, this farmers market provides educational opportunities for local children such as a reading hour, family programming and gardening opportunities;

WHEREAS, this farmers market accepts SNAP/EBT and promotes Health Bucks to enable everyone in the community to have access to fresh fruits and vegetables;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Garden Community Farmers Market.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Garden Community Farmers Market.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the Street Activity Permit (SAPO) for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Garden Community Farmers Market PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

The next meeting is on April 23rd.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2025, Tortoise & Hare located at 6115 Broadway, applied 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.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2025, Neem Indian Cuisine located at 3549 Johnson Avenue, applied 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.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2025, Moss Café LLC, located at 3260 Johnson Avenue, applied 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.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

SUPPORT FOR UNMASK HATE BILLS A03133 & S03070

WHEREAS, [State Assembly Bill A03133](#), sponsored by Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz, and [State Senate Bill S03070](#) sponsored by Senator James Skoufis, seek to amend the penal law in order to **reinstate** New York's mask ban to address the growing public safety threat from harassment and violence by individuals and groups using the cloak of anonymity against others **based on their race, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, or gender identity**.

WHEREAS, both bills establish the crime of **masked harassment** as a violation occurring *"when a person wears a mask or other face covering that intentionally hides or conceals their face for the primary purpose of threatening violence against another person or placing another person or group of persons in reasonable fear for their physical safety."*

WHEREAS, both bills establish the crime of **aggravated harassment** as a Class A misdemeanor *"when while wearing a mask or face covering to intentionally conceal their identity and for the primary purpose of placing such person or group in reasonable fear for their physical safety, they strike, shove, kick, or otherwise subject another person to physical contact, including by removing religious clothing, article or headdress from such person."*

WHEREAS, this bill **EXEMPTS** individuals who are not wearing a mask or face covering for the primary purpose of menacing or threatening violence against another person but for reasons of health and medical concerns, religious purposes, protection against weather elements, holiday celebrations, costume events, occupational, trade, or professional safety.

WHEREAS, both bills are supported by the coalition Unmask Hate NY, the NAACP New York Conference, National Urban League, United Bodegas of America, the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Relations Council of New York, UJA Federation of New York, Attorney General Letitia James, and Mayor Eric Adams.

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 notes in its report [Resources to Cope with and Combat Hate](#) published in June, 2024 by the Special Committee on Racial Equity the alarming increase in hate crimes targeted towards Jews, African Americans, Muslims, and LGBTQ Americans.

WHEREAS, New York State has had an anti-masked harassment law in place since the 1800's but repealed the law in 2020 to address the spread of COVID-19.

WHEREAS, the previous anti-masking law was deemed constitutional after being challenged unsuccessfully by the Ku Klux Klan in the U.S. Court of Appeals in 2004 (American Knights of the KKK V. Kerik).

WHEREAS, masking to conceal one's identity is not a constitutionally protected right, and these bills adhere to and uphold free speech protections and rights to assemble or hold demonstrations in accordance with the United States and New York constitutions.

WHEREAS, NYS hate crimes have increased 69% since 2019 according to a report released August 28, 2024, by state Comptroller Tom DiNapoli who stated, *“Fighting hatred requires our spiritual, political, community and business leaders to take active roles in denouncing hate, investing in prevention and protection efforts”*.

WHEREAS, law enforcement agencies have stated that masking emboldens illegal activities such as hate crimes, assaults, and vandalism resulting in millions of dollars in damages, impedes investigations into criminal conduct, and hinders prosecutions of crimes.

WHEREAS, New York is experiencing a resurgence of masked harassment and intimidation, the Public Safety committee of Bronx Community Board 8 believes that anti-masked harassment laws can serve as an effective deterrent against such identity-based violence.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 strongly supports Assembly Bill A03133 and State Senate Bill S03070 and urges all New York State Assembly and Senate members and Governor Hochul to adopt them into New York State law.

In Favor: (26) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, J. Townes, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: (3) C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Wade

Abstentions: (1) J. Reyes

The Support for Unmask Hate Bills A03133 & S03070 resolution PASSED.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on April 15th at 7pm the NYPD 50th Precinct.

e) Traffic & Transportation – D. Allen presented the below resolutions:

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SAPO APPLICATION
NORTH RIVERDALE BLOCK PARTY (MAY 18, 2025)**

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 18, 2025, from 11 AM to 8 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and

WHEREAS, RMSA held similar events in May 2022, June 2023, and May 2024 without any issues or complaints; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will coordinate with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (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.

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party on Riverdale Avenue from W 257th to W 259th Street on Sunday, May 18, 2025, from 11 AM to 8 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party on Riverdale Avenue from W 257th to W 259th Street on Sunday, May 18, 2025, 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: (29) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (1) B. Bender (with cause)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the SAPO application for the North Riverdale Block Party PASSED.

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LETTER OF NO OBJECTION FOR
KINGSDALE DISPATCH**

WHEREAS, Kamran Elahi, owner of Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc., came to present on their application for renewal for a 3-year base Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) license at the Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting on March 20, 2025, and

WHEREAS, Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc. is a long-standing car service that is in compliance with NYC TLC, and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has not received any complaints on Kingsdale Dispatch in this three-year period, and

WHEREAS, nothing has changed since their renewal 3 years ago.

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Transportation committee has no objection to the application for the renewal of a NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission license, presented by Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc. 3265 Johnson Ave. Suite 103, Bronx, NY.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 has no objection to the application for the renewal of a NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission license, presented by Kingsdale Dispatch, Inc. 3265 Johnson Ave. Suite 103, Bronx, NY.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution for the Taxi & Limousine Commission Letter of No Objection for Kingsdale Dispatch PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION

DOT Permeable Surfaces

WHEREAS, there are serious rain storms with a large accumulation of rain over a short duration, the impermeable concrete surfaces create larger run-off. If the ground cannot absorb the water then there is more run-off. More concentrated water run-off can contribute to sink-holes, a worsening of erosion, especially on hills, and more dangerous conditions for cars and pedestrians. This is common in severe rain events and can cause accidents and/or force people to abandon their cars, as happened in the fall of 2024 on the Henry Hudson Parkway, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation normally uses concrete and asphalt as “hard” or paved surfaces, the Community Board 8, Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends that the DDC and the DOT design group consider and try to incorporate permeable surfaces where possible, for example using permeable pavers on sidewalks, or aggregate in empty lots, and areas of unused (or seldomly used) roads, as well as near the curbs, to allow the water to drain directly into the ground, and

WHEREAS, new construction and new roads are paved, the Community Board 8 encourages all new roads to have considered the design as part of a larger, “stormwater management plan”. On large construction projects with roads or highways there should be a consideration of pre- and post development run-off depths. One area that Community Board 8 suggests is the new paving of Edsall Ave., and

WHEREAS, it would be of the community’s greatest interest to dovetail this initiative with new projects and other committees, for example the daylighting of the Tibbet’s creek as part of a regional stormwater initiative, and

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the consideration of the design, and the use of the most permeable surfaces where possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8, Bronx, supports the consideration of the design, and the use of the most permeable surfaces where possible.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The DOT Permeable Surfaces resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SUPPORT FOR ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES
WEST 235TH STREET & OXFORD AVENUE
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, an automobile accident occurred at the intersection of West 235th Street and Oxford Avenue in July 2022 and resulted in the death of a 99-year-old woman; and

WHEREAS, during a meeting of Bronx Community Board 8’s Traffic & Transportation Committee on September 15, 2022 the issue was brought to the attention of Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez and Deputy Commissioner Maragaret Forgione, who were present in-person, and stated that they would investigate and get back to the community board; and

WHEREAS, NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) subsequently advised that several studies were performed to determine appropriate remediation measures; and

WHEREAS, DOT installed a four-way stop sign at the intersection; and

WHEREAS, despite the safety measures currently installed, further measures are needed to safeguard our community as motorists tend to ignore the stop signs and the intersection remains unsafe for pedestrians; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Transportation Committee is requesting further study of the intersection, including consideration of installation of the following: (1) a traffic light; (2) Flashing Street Marking (or Lights around the stop signs) to increase visibility of the lights; (3) Street markings denoting the Stop Signs and legal speed limit; (4) Rumble Strips to slow drivers down; or (5) Daylight the intersection to enhance driver and pedestrian visibility.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 is requesting further study of the intersection, including consideration of installation of the following: (1) a traffic light; (2) Flashing Street Marking (or Lights around the stop signs) to increase visibility of the lights; (3) Street markings denoting the Stop Signs and legal speed limit; (4) Rumble Strips to slow drivers down; or (5) Daylight the intersection to enhance driver and pedestrian visibility.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Support for Additional Safety Measures on West 235th Street and Oxford Avenue resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

f) Land Use – M. Wolpoff presented the below resolution:

**LAND USE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

Re: **5294 Sycamore Ave - SNAD Non-ULURP**

Building Studio Architects

5294 Sycamore Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471 SNAD

District

CPC - N250106 ZAX for Special Natural Area District

LPC-23-05982 for Riverdale Historic District

An Authorization pursuant to ZA 105-432 to facilitate a vertical expansion to an existing 2,877 sq ft. two story house. The expansion is of 694 sq ft to add additional space for bedrooms. It is being sought by private applicant Jonathan Martin at 5294 Sycamore Ave in Riverdale, Community District 8, Bronx.

WHEREAS, the representative for 5294 Sycamore Avenue, Architect John Field, presented the project on a vertical expansion to an existing 2,877 sq ft. two story house (garage), and

WHEREAS, applicant confirmed no trees or topography will be removed or affected by the project, and

WHEREAS, the materials used, red brick, slate roof, white shutters and paint will conform to the present materials of the house, and

WHEREAS, there will be no changes to the previous nature of the property, and

WHEREAS, Applicant showed board proof informing all neighbors by certified mail within 400 feet of the property, and

WHEREAS, a letter of support was sent from the next door neighbor directly affected by the construction confirming they will work together to resolve any issues on construction and access, and

WHEREAS, no opposition was indicated either from the committee or from the community, and

WHEREAS, A signed letter by the owner, as requested by the committee, was sent to Bronx Community Board 8 confirming construction vehicles will remain on site and not on the public street.

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

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

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The 5294 Sycamore Ave – SNAD Non-ULURP Application resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

At the Land Use Committee meeting, Tishman Speyer, the developer, stated the units at 160 Van Cortlandt Park South will be for affordable housing, and not transitional housing.

Ongoing issues with Innovative Development in Van Cortlandt Village disturbing their nearby neighbors through loud jackhammering, construction times, tree removal, etc. A letter sent to CM Dinowitz asking that he bring together the developer and the neighbors to discuss what is going on.

g) Education Libraries & Cultural Affairs – S. Alexander presented the below resolution:

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
AMALGAMATED NURSERY SCHOOL SPRING BAZAAR MAY 18, 2025
SAPO APPLICATION
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Melissa Jackson of Amalgamated Nursery School submitted a SAPO Application for an event to be held on May 18, 2025 to celebrate their Spring Bazaar.

WHEREAS, the street closing will be at Gale Place between Orloff Avenue & Van Cortlandt Park South, from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

WHEREAS, the event has been held successfully in the past.

WHEREAS, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee approves this event.

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

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**The Amalgamated Nursery School Spring Bazaar SAPO Application resolution
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

S. Alexander also mentioned another SAPO application from the Chabad of Riverdale for a street closing celebrating Lag Baomer with a block party and picnic on May 15, 2025. The street which will be closed will be West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue from 10:00am to 7:00pm. The committee is not required to pass a resolution, but the police and fire department need to approve.

h) Irving Ladimer Community Service Award Committee – D. Travis made a motion to vote on the resolution below:

**IRVING LADIMER COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (CSA)
AD HOC COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 (Community Board) annually accepts nominations for the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA), and

WHEREAS, criteria for consideration are that the nominee has acted on a volunteer basis to improve or enhance, in some way, the quality of life of those living or working in the Bronx Community Board 8 area, and the award is open to individuals, students and organizations or groups with an interest in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Community Board's October 14, 1992 Resolution authorizes the Chairperson of the Community Board to annually appoint an Ad Hoc Committee for the Irving Ladimer CSA (Ad Hoc Committee); and

WHEREAS, at the January 14, 2025 Community Board meeting, the Board's Chairperson, Julie Reyes, submitted a resolution to the board appointing Board members Caesar Tobar Acosta, Constance Barnes-Watson, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Steven Froot, and Mary Ellen Gibbs to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing nominations and selecting a nominee or nominees to receive the CSA, which is to be presented at the June 2025 Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, nominations for the CSA were received by the Community Board office between January 20, 2025, and the announced submission deadline of March 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Committee reviewed the nominations received and unanimously selected a list of nominees to receive the CSA, which were submitted to the Executive Committee on April 2, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the selection of Robert Fanuzzi, Richard Feldman, Thomas Healy, Marianne Kraft, Christopher Rizzo and Bruce Williamson to receive the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ad Hoc committee recommends that future presentation of the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award be conducted in the month of April – coinciding with National Volunteer month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Ad Hoc Committee will dissolve once the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award presentation takes place.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA) Ad Hoc Committee resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

i) Environment & Sanitation – The next meeting will be held on April 16th.

j) Health, Hospitals & Social Services – No report.

k) Housing – The next meeting will be held on April 28th. Hoping to have a community organization attend and present at the meeting.

l) Law, Rules & Ethics – The committee discussed the verbiage of Subcommittees v. Working Groups. The Board should seek to be consistent and henceforth request that standing committees use the verbiage “working groups.” Existent subcommittees should continue until they have completed their purpose.

m) Youth – Applications for the 7th Annual Yankee-Stonewall Scholarship Initiative are due April 21st. This one-time scholarship of \$10,000 will be awarded to one stand-out student from each borough (5 student winners total). Comeback Kid Achievement Award nomination deadline is on April 11th. The next meeting will be held on April 29th.

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

o) Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) – Will be providing the report by the end of the Fiscal Year. Want the standing committees to provide a couple of bullet points on efforts that your committee has taken to advance equity within the district.

p) Budget – The next meeting will be in June or September and the committees should be working on your budgets.

q) Special Committee on Veterans’ Services (SCVS) – The next meeting will be held on April 24th. Wishing everyone a happy holiday.

Elected Officials Report

NYS Senator Robert Jackson’s Office:

The office is located at 5030 Broadway, Suite 701, New York, NY 10034 and can be reached at 212-544-0173 or jackson@nyenate.gov.

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera’s Office:

Free housing and immigration assistance on April 18th. The office is located at 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458 and can be reached at 718-933-2034 or grivera@nyenate.gov.

Old Business

The Ad-Hoc Committee comprising of J. Townes and K. Walker that will explore committee memberships and structures will not be reporting this term. They need time to do more research.

New Business

N/A

Miscellaneous

N/A

Next Monthly Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Nominating Committee has an in-person meeting following tonight's Board meeting and tentative second date April 10th at the Board office.

Adjournment

A **MOTION** was made by R. Singh and **SECONDED** by C. Tobar Acosta to adjourn.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Wade, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:05 pm.

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

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