



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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Bob Bender

**Special Committee on Racial Equity**  
Margaret Della

**Special Committee on Veterans' Services**  
Sergio Villaverde

## BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 13, 2025

**TIME:** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**PLACE:** St. Stephen's United Methodist Church –  
146 W 228th St, Bronx, NY 10463

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

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

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 public is invited to participate via Zoom or in-person.

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Presentation of the Betty Campbell-Adfams Most Valuable Merchant Award
4. Report from the Mayor's Office
5. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
6. Report from the 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct
7. Council Member's Report
  - Council Member Eric Dinowitz
  - Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
  - Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
8. Elected Officials Reports
9. Roll Call
10. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025
11. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2025
12. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
13. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
14. District Manager's Report

15. 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
- Irving Ladimer Community Service Award Committee
- Nominating Committee

16. Old Business

17. New Business

18. Miscellaneous

19. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 25, 2025

20. Motion to go into Executive Session based on Open Meetings Law 105.F: Personnel Matters

21. 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**

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT (SAPO) FOR THE**  
**NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ON JUNE 5, 2025 ON THE EAST SIDE OF BROADWAY**  
**APRIL 23, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the New York Philharmonic has requested to reserve the parking lane on the east side of Broadway, adjacent to Van Cortlandt Park from 180 feet south of Mansion Road to the Turtle and Hare statue on June 5, 2025 from 11am to 11pm to provide parking for local musicians performing in the concert;

**WHEREAS**, Nathan Cabana, a representative from the New York Philharmonic attended the April 23, 2025 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting and presented the details of their request and satisfactorily answered questions;

**WHEREAS**, the New York Philharmonic has previously used the same location for the same purpose during previous performances, including in 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the New York City 50<sup>th</sup> police precinct has not had any issues in the past with traffic caused by the restricted use of the parking lanes during previous New York Philharmonic performances and supports this SAPO;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval for this street activity permit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval for this street activity permit.

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**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASING THE BRONX STREET TREE CANOPY**  
**APRIL 23, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, there is clear scientific evidence that plentiful, healthy street tree canopies reduce heat retention during the summer and improve air quality which both lead to improved health outcomes;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council passed Local Law 148 which required the creation of a citywide urban forest plan and Mayor Eric Adams has since developed the Urban Forest Plan which aims to increase the city's tree canopy to 30% with additional plantings on city, state, federal and private property through collaboration with stakeholders and community groups;

**WHEREAS**, the average tree cover in the NYC is 22% and some Bronx neighborhoods have less than 8% tree canopy;

**WHEREAS**, Borough President Vanessa Gibson has called on all Bronx community boards to support increased funding and the urgent realization of the goals of the Urban Forest Plan in the Bronx;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Parks and Recreation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 calls on the Mayor and the City Council to provide at least 1% of the annual budget for FY26 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for planting and maintenance of street trees to make the Urban Forest Plan a reality in the Bronx.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 calls on the Mayor and the City Council to provide at least 1% of the annual budget for FY26 to the Department of Parks and Recreation for planting and maintenance of street trees to make the Urban Forest Plan a reality in the Bronx.

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**RESOLUTIONS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
APRIL 15, 2025**

**RENEWAL APPLICATION:** Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

**WHEREAS**, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Bronx Alehouse located at 216 West 238<sup>th</sup> Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

**WHEREAS**, representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**ALTERATION APPLICATION:** Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

**WHEREAS**, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Tin Marin Bar & Lounge Inc., located at 3708 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee for an alteration to add to adjacent premises.

**WHEREAS**, Tin Marin Bar & Lounge Inc. intends to expand their business at 3708 Riverdale Avenue to the adjacent storefront at the same address.

**WHEREAS**, representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

**WHEREAS**, on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Tin Marin Bar & Lounge Inc., located at 3708 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee for a sidewalk café to be added to their location.

**WHEREAS**, on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution recommending DOT approve a sidewalk café application by Tin Marin Bar & Lounge Inc.

**WHEREAS**, the Tin Marin Bar & Lounge Inc. application for a sidewalk café was approved by DOT.

**WHEREAS**, representatives of NYPD's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
RESOLUTION FOR DINING OUT NYC ROADWAY APPLICATION  
COCINA CHENTE – 3535 RIVERDALE AVE, BRONX, NY 10463  
APRIL 17, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Cocina Chente, 3535 Riverdale Avenue has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), and

**WHEREAS**, a Representative of Cocina Chente appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on April 17, 2025, to provide details of their request which would allow them to use a portion of the public street (the street cafe), and

**WHEREAS**, the application was submitted as required by the new DOT requirements for street café setups and the proposed layout of tables and chairs describes existing conditions, and

**WHEREAS**, there were no complaints from the NYPD or community.

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for the Cocina Chente application for a Roadway Cafe.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval for the Cocina Chente application for a Roadway Cafe.

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**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**RESOLUTION FOR DINING OUT NYC SIDEWALK APPLICATION**  
**COCINA CHENTE – 3535 RIVERDALE AVE, BRONX, NY 10463**  
**APRIL 17, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, Cocina Chente, 3535 Riverdale Avenue has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), and

**WHEREAS**, a Representative of Cocina Chente appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on April 17, 2025, to provide details of their request which would allow them to use a portion of the public sidewalk (the sidewalk cafe), and

**WHEREAS**, the application was submitted as required by the new DOT requirements for sidewalk café setups and the proposed layout of tables and chairs describes existing conditions, and

**WHEREAS**, there were no complaints from the NYPD or community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic & Transportation Committee has concerns regarding the restaurant's physical presentation of at least three empty garbage containers stored on the public sidewalk at the curb blocking public access to and from automobiles parked at the curb.

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval for the Cocina Chente application for sidewalk cafe with the condition that all current and future encroachments on the public sidewalk be removed so as to not impede pedestrian flow.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval for the Cocina Chente application for sidewalk cafe with the condition that all current and future encroachments on the public sidewalk be removed so as to not impede pedestrian flow.

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