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REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

DATE: Tuesday, January 13, 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

PLACE: The Riverdale YM-YWHA – Teen Lounge, 2nd Floor
5625 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471
(Additional Parking in Rear)

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.

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

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

AMENDED AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
4. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
5. Roll Call
6. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2025
7. Discussion of the December 3, 2025 & January 7, 2026 Executive Committee Minutes
8. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
9. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
10. District Manager's Report
11. Committee Reports and Resolutions
 - Traffic & Transportation
 - Parks & Recreation
 - Law, Rules & Ethics
 - Public Safety

- Land Use
- Housing
- Health, Hospitals & Social Services
- Environment & Sanitation
- Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
- Economic Development
- Budget
- Aging
- Special Committee on Veteran Services
- Special Committee on Racial Equity
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
- Youth

12. Council Member's Report

- Council Member Eric Dinowitz
- Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Council Member Carmen De La Rosa

13. Report from the Mayor's Office

14. Elected Officials Reports

15. Old Business

16. New Business: Board Structure - Vice Chairperson Sergio Villaverde

17. Announcements: Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, February 10, 2026

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

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
WEST 254TH STREET IMPROVEMENTS CAPITAL PROJECT ID HWX406
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

WHEREAS, the New York City (NYC) Department of Design and Construction (DDC) is planning to install sidewalks on the North and South sides of West 254th Street, between Arlington Avenue and Railroad Terrace, in the Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8) district; and

WHEREAS, the presentations by DDC at several meetings of the CB8 Traffic and Transportation (T & T) committee, including on September 25, 2025, outlined the design plans for the West 254th Street Safety Redesign Project; and

WHEREAS, the Board appreciates the efforts of DDC in allowing the community and Bronx CB8 to have input into the redesign plans in order to ensure the planned improvements do not unnecessarily disturb the unique character of the affected neighborhood, as embodied in the protections provided by the Special Natural Area District (SNAD) regulations applicable to the portion of West 254th Street involved;

WHEREAS, the currently formulated design plans, most importantly the intention to install sidewalks on both sides of West 254th Street, would result in the removal of 19 trees, as well as other natural features, including grass lawns, retaining walls and landscaping that are part of the existing residential area; and

WHEREAS, the T & T Committee has heard testimony from the homeowners that the currently formulated design plans will negatively impact their quality of life and disregard the SNAD protections by removing trees, green spaces and other natural features that are located on the land where they now reside, much of which would not be required if the installation of a sidewalk were limited to the North side of West 254th Street;

WHEREAS, the currently formulated design plans will accomplish such removal of natural features either by legal condemnation proceedings that will effect a “taking” of privately owned property or by reclaiming land occupied by homeowners for more than a half-century that is technically “owned” by the City because it lies on a portion of the “mapped street”; and

WHEREAS, the T & T Committee has heard testimony from neighbors and environmental experts that while the currently formulated design plans call for planting new young trees, the elimination of established older trees will exacerbate flooding on the steep slope, increase heat, hasten the erosion of land, and worsen the problem of stormwater runoff leading to combined sewer overflow that threatens the health of NYC waterways like the Hudson and East Rivers; and

WHEREAS, the T & T Committee has heard testimony that it is possible to install curb-like features and catch-basins along the South side of West 254th Street that will be effective in managing stormwater runoff without necessitating the installation of a full sidewalk on that side of the street; and

WHEREAS, the T & T Committee has also heard testimony that adding sidewalks on the North and South sides of West 254th Street will eliminate existing parking spaces and increase safety concerns due to congestion resulting

from the narrowing of the roadway that might be avoided by installing a sidewalk on only the North side of West 254th Street; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 finds that although certain elements of the plan, such as updating sewer infrastructure and creating a safe passage via a new continuous sidewalk for pedestrians going to and from the Salanter Akiba Riverdale (SAR) Academy, located on the North side of West 254th Street, and the Riverdale Metro North station, will be beneficial to the CB8 district; other elements of the plan create unnecessary hardship for residents due to a loss of property that is currently owned or used by those who reside along West 254th Street, the destruction of mature trees, green spaces and other natural features that will alter the existing character of the neighborhood and exacerbate stormwater runoff, the unnecessary narrowing of the roadway that will result in increased congestion and safety risks, and the loss of already scarce street parking.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bronx Community Board 8 opposes the design plans for the West 254th Street Safety Redesign Project as currently formulated, and strongly recommends that DDC install a sidewalk only on the North side of West 254th Street between Arlington Avenue and Railroad Terrace; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends that Con Edison take the opportunity during the course of the West 254th Street Safety Redesign Project to install all electric wiring underground to avoid the frequent power outages which affect the quality of life of residents in the surrounding area.

**TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
NYC TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION LIVERY CAR BASE LICENSE RENEWAL FOR
ALLTOWN LIMO CORP. (BASE #B02537)
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

WHEREAS, Alltown Limo Corp. (“Alltown”) (Base #B02537) came before the Traffic & Transportation Committee on December 18, 2025 requesting a letter of no objection to the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission for the renewal of its Livery Car Base License; and

WHEREAS, Alltown maintains its livery car base station for its radio operations at 206 West 231st Street within Bronx Community Board No. 8; and

WHEREAS, Alltown is required to renew its Livery Car Base License every two years; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board No. 8 has not received any complaints from the NYPD 50th Precinct or the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission about Alltown’s operation of its livery car base station or its livery operations in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic & Transportation Committee has no objection to the renewal of the Livery Car Base License for Alltown Limo Corp. located at 206 West 231st Street, Bronx, New York 10463.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board No. 8 has no objection to the renewal of the Livery Car Base License for Alltown Limo Corp. located at 206 West 231st Street, Bronx, New York 10463.

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
NYS ASSEMBLY SPEED LIMITER BILL A2288B
DECEMBER 18, 2025**

WHEREAS, every year in New York City at least 100 pedestrians are killed in traffic accidents; and

WHEREAS, 95% or more of these pedestrians are killed by motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the NYPD says that the primary cause of these accidents is speeding by drivers; and

WHEREAS, many of these drivers have multiple violations and are driving with suspended licenses; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Senate has passed a “Stop Super Speeders Act,” which requires the temporary installation of Intelligent Speed Assistant technology in the cars of drivers with more than 11 points on their licenses within 18 months or 16 speed camera and/or red-light tickets within 12 months that uses GPS technology to limit the vehicles to speeds no higher than five miles per hour over the posted speed limit; and

WHEREAS, this technology is similar to the technology required in the vehicles of drivers convicted of DWI, which has been found to be effective; and

WHEREAS, this technology was tested in NYC municipal vehicles and found to be highly effective; and

WHEREAS, a companion bill to the Senate bill has been introduced into the NYS Assembly, A2299B, which is co-sponsored by Assemblyman George Alvarez, among others; and

WHEREAS, that the Traffic & Transportation Committee thanks Senators Robert Jackson and Gustavo Rivera for voting in favor of the Senate version of the bill, and urges our other Assembly representatives to join Assemblyman Alvarez in supporting A2299B to make our streets safer.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 thanks Senators Robert Jackson and Gustavo Rivera for voting in favor of the Senate version of the bill, and urges our other Assembly representatives to join Assemblyman Alvarez in supporting A2299B to make our streets safer.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
P-108VCCS_VAN CORTLANDT PARK: PUBLIC RESTROOM BUILDING
DECEMBER 11, 2025**

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Design and Construction presented their plan for constructing a restroom in Van Cortlandt Park at the north end of the Parade Ground near Broadway and 252nd Street; and

WHEREAS, this project would include construction of the current NYC Parks standard restroom, utility connections and site work and the reconstruction of the non-ADA compliant walkway from the park entrance at 252nd Street and Broadway to the new building at a cost of \$3.1M; and

WHEREAS, the restroom will be 720 square feet, be ADA compliant, contain a men's room with two urinals and a stall and a women's room with three stalls and will provide a drinking fountain; and

WHEREAS, the committee recommended installing either a standalone or attached drinking fountain with an integrated dog bowl given the proximity to the Van Cortlandt Park dog run; and

WHEREAS, the construction is expected to begin in early 2026 and be completed at the end of 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee approves the P-108VCCS_Van Cortlandt Park public restroom design.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the P-108VCCS_Van Cortlandt Park public restroom design.

**RESOLUTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 16, 2025**

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on December 16th, 2025, Peter Kohlmann, a Representative of Riverdale Yacht Club, located at 800 West 254th Street, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kohlmann stated the establishment has been in operation for 95 years but has never served alcohol; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kohlmann stated the establishment does not plan to serve alcohol but some of their guests bring alcohol so the business applied for a liquor license to be in compliance with State law; and

WHEREAS, representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE ALL NIGHT PERMIT: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, representatives of El Pollocon 2 Inc. (AKA Tijuana Nites) were scheduled to appear before the Public Safety Committee on December 16th, 2025, to apply for a New Year's Eve All Night Permit but failed to appear; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the establishment were also scheduled to appear at the November 18th Public Safety Committee meeting but canceled their appointment and rescheduled; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has received ongoing resident complaints about this establishment including: excessive noise, illegal parking, illicit drug use, disorderly conduct, assault, attempted rape, public urination, littering and more; and

WHEREAS, on October 16th, 2024, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution recommending the State Liquor Authority disapprove Tijuana Nites liquor license renewal application; and

WHEREAS, for public safety concerns, representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct recommended the Public Safety Committee disapprove this application; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee disapproves this application.

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