Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8)
December 4, 2025

Attendees:
Committee: Margaret Della (chair), Althea Eboh
Absent: Adiana Rivera, Daniel Nunez
Board and Guests:

The Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) meeting began at 7:02 pm and the Chair welcomed the community to the meeting. A quorum was not present.

The Committee discussed the following areas:

- Reviewed Broadway Corridor feedback and map, recommendations listed below to be discussed and refined with standing committees.
- Reviewed draft FY16-26 CB8 Capital Budget requests tracker. Chair will follow up with Budget Committee and CB8 Chair on next steps.
- Althea accepted role as SCRE Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATIONS

CB 8 WIDE	T&T	EDC	E&S	Public Safety	Youth/Edu	HHSS
Committees across the board to keep NYC/NYS agencies accountable to the public.	MTA follow up on unsafe and non-ADA barriers and access, especially at 231st and Broadway	Set up quarterly walk thru segmenting blocks to cover merchants	Follow up on Trash cans, bird netting and mess	Incorporate abandoned vehicles/removal into monthly reporting, follow up on recurring areas	Involve schools in community concerns about after school fights and partner with NYPD for youth engagement	Partner with vendors, NYPD on community homeless population
Post flyers, review and distribute district 311 data for concerns		Follow up with merchants via email/phone /snail mail. Keep them informed of	Community plan on Illegal dumping	Follow up merchants re: 311/911 reporting incidents		Know your rights hardcopies/ email, reshare training, share resources

		NYS/NYC agency responses to concerns.				for help and protect rights
		Work with Landuse on Rite Aid, Raising Cane lots	Work with T&T on lack of sanitation at work areas	Engage Q teams on community complaints and concerns		Budget Committee - look into ways expense asks could include resources for KYR
		Amplify BIDs business directory and shop local initiative				Work with office, EDC on building trust: messenger, culture, language, etc.

The Chair welcomed additional priorities for the year to be discussed. Agreed that Broadway Corridor collaboration is priority.

Next Meetings in February, April with opportunity for collaboration with other standing committees Meetings may vary based on anticipated joint meetings on the above topics. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Della.

CB8 Broadway Corridor

Q4 2025 Walk Thru October 31, 2025

OVERVIEW

Together with NYC Sanitation, Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8) Committees: Economic Development (EDC), Environment & Sanitation (E&S), Public Safety, Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) visited more that 45 businesses along the Broadway Corridor from Marble Hill/225th to Kingsbridge/238th Street. Agency representatives and board members stated that we barely scratched the surface.

GOALS

1. Check in with small businesses.
2. Inquire about any issues they may be having that City agencies can address and/or if CB8 can chase any follow up.
3. Reintroduce CB8 as a partner who may be able to connect them with resources.

LEARNED

- Near 231st intersection, businesses stressed two major concerns that have occurred over last six months:
    - Obstruction of businesses by MTA construction materials.
    - Poor public safety conditions.
- Resulting in the following:
    - Unsafe crossings and intersection at 231st and Broadway
    - Poor appearance of storefront due to MTA construction blocking traffic and customers.
    - Sanitation restrictions on picking up garbage with new criteria beginning 12/1.
    - Poor parking options reducing business traffic.
    - Fights taking place behind construction barriers after school.
    - Poor road conditions, including potholes.
    - Complaints on noise and reduced foot traffic.
    - Took out ATM to stop harassment robberies after work hours.

    - Increase in pickpockets, theft.
    - Concern that cannot open business safely early in morning due to harassment.
    - Illegal dumping at night mostly of construction material.
    - Increase in persons unhoused looking for shelter.
- Other businesses stated that everything was fine.
- Some businesses refused to engage in the conversation due to lack of trust in purpose of visit, consequences of response on their business, or language and/or cultural barriers.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Continue to engage CB8 Committees across the board to keep NYC/NYS services accountable to the public.**
    - Incorporate Health Hospitals and Social Services, Youth Committees due to concerns
    - Post CB8 flyers, review 311 data
    - Create next steps and follow up actions at upcoming meetings
    - Circulate Q1 2026 Corridor visit date
- **Quarterly CB8 Corridor visits to build consistency and trust**
    - Follow up with merchants via email/phone/snail mail. Keep them informed of NYS/NYC agency responses to concerns.
    - Focus on smaller sections of the corridor to reach sidestreets, take photos, concrete follow up in committee monthly meetings
- **Follow up with NYC/NYS agencies regarding businesses' concerns**
    - Provide written documentation of business and resident concerns on public safety, transportation, human services, etc.
- **"CB8 Business Bulletin" (Monthly Email or WhatsApp Group)**
    - Fill in gaps by existing NYC SBS newsletter, if at all.
    - Create resource guide for businesses from a cross-sector of services.
- **Local Chambers & Anchor Businesses for "Merchant Mixers"**
    - Partner with Kingsbridge BID to help support ideas, connections, and generate foot traffic.
- **Business Directory & Digital Map**
    - Engage Student Volunteers or Local Interns to help carry out the work
    - Partner with Kingsbridge BID

Fiscal Year															
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Committee	Capital Request:	Status/ City response
									X				Aging	Older Adult Transportation	Requires study
									X				E&S	215 Street Garage Rehabilitation	
								X					E&S	Broadway Flooding Instrastructure	
	X	X	X		X	X							E&S	Daylighting Tibbetts Brook	Funded
								X					E&S	Deegan Flooding Study	
	X	X	X	X	X	X							E&S	Ewen Park erosion mitigation	Requires study
X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			E&S	Spuyten Duyvil Shorefront Infrastructure	Requires study
					X								E&S	Weir Maintenance	
		X											EconDev	Commercial corridor benches	
										X			EconDev	Commercial corridor safety cameras	
									X				EconDev	SBS Digital Currency/App	
								X					EconDev	SBS funding increase	Refer to agency
									X				ELA	Bronx High School Chromebooks	
							X						ELA	Digital Devices to students	
				X									ELA	ELLIS Science Lab	
					X								ELA	ELLIS Theater	
		X					X						ELA	In-Tech Athletic Track	
								X					ELA	In-Tech Library	Not prioritized for funding
	X							X					ELA	In-Tech Renovations	
								X					ELA	In-Tech security cameras	Denied

								X	X				ELA	Kingsbridge Historical Society Renovations	
X	X	X				X	X						ELA	Marie Curie Nursing Room	Not prioritized for funding
				X				X					ELA	Marie Curie Tech Room	Not prioritized for funding
			X										ELA	MS244 Auditorium Renovations	
				X									ELA	PS207 Library	
								X	X				ELA	PS24 Auditorium Rehab	Bathroom reno funded
								X					ELA	PS24 Bronx-Construct a green house	Not prioritized for funding
						X							ELA	PS24 Building Expansion	Bathroom reno funded
								X					ELA	PS24 Interior renovations	Requires study
				X									ELA	PS24 Library Rehab	
					X				X	X			ELA	PS24 Playground Rehab	
				X									ELA	PS307 Library Renovations	
								X					ELA	PS310- Marble Hill Complex Bronx Outdoor	Not prioritized for funding
	X			X									ELA	PS37 Safety Cameras	
	X												ELA	PS7 Renovations: Cafeteria, HVAC	
	X				X								ELA	PS81 renovations - auditorium HVAC, office, gym	
								X					ELA	PS81 renovations - yard repavement	Not prioritized for funding
					X		x						ELA	PS95 crossing guard	Contact NYPD
		X											ELA	PS95 renovations - auditorium HVAC	
				x			X						ELA	PS95 renovations - library	
					X	x							ELA	Riverdale library - exterior	Contact NYPL
		X	x										ELA	Riverdale library - HVAC	Contact NYPL
X	X	X											ELA	Riverdale library - interior	Contact NYPL
							X						ELA	RKA library renovation	

	X	X	X	X									ELA	Spuyten Duyvil Library Renovations	Contact NYPL
	X												ELA	VCP Library Renovations	
				X									Housing	NYCHA cameras	Funded
				X					X	X			Housing	NYCHA community center	
				X		X							Housing	NYCHA Ft Independence Interior Renovations: Ft Independence, Marble Hill Houses	Funded
		X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			Housing	NYCHA HVAC, boiler, exterior repair: Ft Indep, Bailey, Marble Hill Houses	Funded
							X						Housing	NYCHA Security & Sanitation Services	Funded
							X		X				Housing	NYCHA sidewalk repair	Funded
								X					Parks	Alder Stream Bed	Requires study
	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			Parks	Bailey Playground Redesign	Ask CMs
			X							X			Parks	Fort Four Renovations	No funding
								X					Parks	Ft Independence Dog Park	Funding recommended
									X				Parks	Ft Independence Playground	
			X						X				Parks	KHCC Renovations	Funded
									X				Parks	Litter collection	Contact DSNY
									X				Parks	Lower Brust Staircase restoration	
									X				Parks	Marble Hill Playground	
			X	X			X	X					Parks	Mosholu Golf House	No funding
								X	X	X			Parks	Old Fort Four Renovations	No funding
		X											Parks	Seton Park Resurfacing Basketball	
X	X	X	X	X	X								Parks	Strong Street Playground Renovations	

X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X					Parks	VCP Bathroom at 250th	Funded
						X							Parks	VCP Fence Renovation	Funded
			X		X	X							Parks	VCP Footbridge	
				X	X			X					Parks	VCP Museum Renovation	
	X	X	X										Parks	VCP Museum Stairs	No funds
X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X					Parks	VCP Stadium	No funds
				X	X								Parks	VCP Walkway	
						X	X	X					Parks	Washington Walk Renovations	No funds
									X				Public Safety	5 Patrol Cars	
		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			Public Safety	Argus Security Cameras	Funded
								X					Public Safety	FDNY restore funding	Requires study
					X								Public Safety	Jerome Resevoir Personnel	Existing resources
								X					Public Safety	NYPD DV increase funding	NYPD will accommodate within existing resources
				X									Public Safety	NYPD Precinct repaving	
								X					Public Safety/Parks/T&T	Jerome Resevoir Lighting	Resubmit
								X					T&T	229th Stepstreet	
				X									T&T	231 Countdown Clocks	Contact Boro Commish
										X			T&T	231 Intersection reconstruction	
								X					T&T	235th to Independence Rehab	Requires study
	X					X		X		X			T&T	235th Walkway	Funding constraints
									X				T&T	238th Overpass intersection redesign	
						X	X						T&T	Dickinson Ave Reconstruction	Funding constraints
			X	X		X							T&T	Elevator at 242	Funded

								X					T&T	Fund DOT Study: Sidewalk Staircase Independence at Arlington	Funding constraints
									X				T&T	Kingsbridge Road Resurfacing	Contact Boro Commish
						X							T&T	Putnam Trail	Funded
						X	X	X	X				T&T	Sidewalk Independence at Arlington	Resubmit
	X					X							T&T	Sidewalk Netherland at 254th	
		X											T&T	Sidewalk Staircase 261st at Arlington	
		X	X	X		X	X						T&T	Step Street Renovations	Resubmit
									X	X			T&T	VCP South Step Street to Gale Place, W229 KBT to Sedgwick, W231 KBT Sedgwick	Funding restrictions

https://cbbronx.cityofnewyork.us/cb8/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2023/01/BX8.pdf