Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8)
September 11, 2025

Attendees:
Committee: Margaret Della (chair), Althea Eboh
Absent: Adiana Rivera, Daniel Nunez
Board and Guests: Julie Reyes (CB8 Chair), Constance Barnes Watson (Chair, Economic Development)

The Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) meeting began at 7:02 pm and the Chair welcomed the community to the meeting and recognized new committee members for this Fiscal Year (FY). A quorum was not present.

The Committee discussed the following areas:

- Reviewed SCRE webpage and resources, Budget Committee, and other relevant Committees that have worked on equity. Reviewed FY25 accomplishments such as:
    - Elevating equity to be the top vetting tool for budget requests
    - Raised awareness on hate relevant as topic on every committee and encouraged steps to combat it as a standing agenda item
    - Elevated Combating Hate Resource Guide and Palm Card
    - Celebrated CB8 community building opportunities such as the June meeting with pre-meeting snacks and connection and new member orientation
- Chair requested Committee members consider becoming Vice Chair for learning and continuity
- Committee meetings usually first Thursday of alternating months, likely 4-5 meetings in the FY.

The Committee strategized on FY objectives and next steps:

- **Broadway Corridor Cross-Committee Initiative:** From 238 to 225, the Broadway corridor requires in-depth review to improve safety, access to transportation, and quality of life issues. Corridor is riddled with abandoned and totaled cars, unsanitary conditions, unsafe crossings, obstructions to businesses, trash, and indeterminate MTA repairs. The breath and depth of this issue requires the full effort of all Committees and will be proposed as such. Next steps:
    - Engage committees in mid-October walk thru: Economic Development (lead), Public Safety, Environment & Sanitation, Land Use, Traffic & Transportation
    - Ask city agencies where funding needed/how we can request (ie NYPD needs resources to tow totaled cars near precinct. How/where does this funding come from? Who/How can help secure additional funds to resolve issue indefinitely?)
    - Discuss areas of concern at October 30th Budget meeting
    - Map corridor with concerns
    - Develop flyers to engage community, advise of upcoming public meetings, how they can help/get involved

    - Enlist BID, KRVC, corporations and storefronts, and utilize listserv
    - District Manager to raise at District Cabinet Meeting in October
    - Ask Council Members De La Rosa, Dinowitz, and Sanchez for help
- **Map Unfinished Requested CB8 Capital Budget Priorities:** From FY16 to present, SCRE has annual tracked CB8 capital requests in the district. From this data, CB8 can view and monitor where the most requests would fall to ensure resource requests impact the greatest needs in our community. This objective would review which of those requests were funded, started, and/or completed.

The Chair welcomed additional priorities for the year to be discussed at November meeting.

Next Meeting in November (date TBD pending office), January, March, May. Meetings may vary based on anticipated joint meetings on the above topics. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Della.