

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Full Board Meeting
March 11, 2025, 7PM
IN-Tech Academy - Library
2975 Tibbett Ave, Bronx, NY 10463

Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (32 present for quorum)

Sylvia Alexander, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Kelli Buford, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Yngrid DeLeon, Margaret Della, Johanna Edmondson, Nicholas Fazio, Steven Froot, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Josh Land, Oscar Martinez, Charles Moerdler, Angel Ortega, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowen, Georgia Santiago, Ramdat Singh, Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Jyll D. Townes, Debra Travis, Karen Walker, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent (10)

Debby Allen, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Dr. Julia Gomez, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Omar Murray, Adiana Rivera, Sergio Villaverde, Kevin Wade

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager), Ardy Malziu (Community Coordinator), Deonte Dewar (Intern)

Guests

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz; Representatives from NYPD 50th Precinct – Lieutenant Brian Wolvers & Detective Rasha Jamsheer, NYC Mayor Eric Adams - Alina Dowe, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark – Marilex Santana Tavarez, U.S. Congress Member Ritchie Torres – Joseph McManus, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Sari Mendoza Torres, NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz – Nayise Gonzalez, NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz – Natasha Soto, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) – Sandy Liriano, and New York Public Library (Riverdale Branch) – Rebecca Brown Barbier; Public Gallery Session Speakers – Donald Bluestone, Laura Levine Pinedo and Camille Croce Dee

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the Full Board meeting at 7:04 pm.

Thanks to IN-Tech Academy for hosting the meeting.

S. Alexander, L. Chong, M. Gibbs, B. Kail, C. Moerdler, G. Santiago and M. Wolpoff were approved for ADA excusal. 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

Camille Croce Dee – Urge the Board to Support the Resolution in Support of NYC Retirees' NYC Council Int 1096-2024

Donald Bluestone – Urge the Board to Support the Resolution in Support of NYC Retirees' NYC Council Int 1096-2024

Laura Levine Pinedo – Urge the Board to Support the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) Application for the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC) and New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) Mobile Bus at Sante Fe Grill on Broadway for Resources and Merchant Organizing

Report from the Mayor's Office

Thousands of illegal smoke shops have been closed down.

In partnership with the governor, the NYPD began to put police officers on every train during overnight hours, seven days per week since January, and thanks in part to those efforts, subway crime is down 28%.

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

No report.

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

For the 28-day period, there were 0 murders and 0 rapes. Robberies are down 16%, 10 vs. 12 for the same period last year. Up 100% in felony assaults, 14 vs. 7 for the same period last year. Burglaries are down 38.5%, 8 vs. 13 for the same period last year. Grand larcenies are down 48%, 32 vs. 62. Overall arrests are up 18%. Robbery arrests are up 150%, 10 vs. 4. Felony assault arrests are up 240%, 17 vs. 5. Felony assaults are due to domestic violence and the NYPD 50th Precinct has stepped up their outreach by sharing resources with the community. No hate crimes for the year.

NYC Council Member's (CM) Report

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez's Office:
No report.

NYC Council Member (CM) Carmen De La Rosa:
No report.

Elected Officials Report

U.S. Congress Member Ritchie Torres' Office:

Con Edison proposed rate hikes that would increase the average electric bill by nearly 11.5 percent more for electricity and nearly 13.5 percent more for natural gas. The proposed increase would start January 1 next year. Congress Member Torres has released an investigative report on Con Edison's overcharging of New Yorkers and has requested that the Public Service Commission undertake an investigation into the inexplicable disparities of overcharges for which Con Edison has yet to offer a sufficient justification.

If you have any questions or concerns, reach out to Joe McManus at the Congress Member's Office at Joseph.McManus@mail.house.gov.

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:

To continue receiving updates from Senator Rivera, please sign up for the weekly e-newsletter. WhatsApp channel for Spanish updates. Satellite office hours were held at the Riverdale Y a few weeks ago. Continue to host free housing and immigration assistance, as well as preparation services for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disability Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE). 2025 Tax Filing Webinar in the coming weeks. Community Baby Shower on April 16. The office has Know Your Rights palm cards and will share the link on how to request them.

NYS Senator Robert Jackson's Office:
No report.

NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office:

Always feel free to email, call or stop by the office for any assistance. Free notary services are available at the office. Process in planning shredding events – stay tuned for more information.

NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB):

The NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) receives, investigates, mediates, hears, makes findings, and recommends action on complaints against New York City police officers alleging the use of excessive or unnecessary force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, or the use of offensive language. If you would like to request a presentation about the agency, feel free to reach out to Sandy Liriano at CCRB at 646-510-0082.

Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark's Office:

Hosting Women's Re-Entry Resource Fair on March 27. Currently working on the 8th Annual Child Safety Fair that will be within the confines of the NYPD 43rd Precinct.

Roll Call

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

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025

In Favor: (31) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

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

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 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 \$25,483 and there is \$10,445 left in the OTPS budget. A breakdown of the various object codes in the OTPS budget was announced. No budget modifications this month. \$0 in requested funds and \$0 in encumbered funds. \$2,065 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail. Looking to spend down on what is left on the OTPS budget.

Chairperson's Report & Resolutions

Community Conference - Know Your Rights for Migrants – Unable to secure speakers for March - working towards an April date.

Please contact Board members K. Walker or J. Townes regarding possible committee/Board structure changes and suggestions.

The Van Cortlandt Park Alliance (VCPA) annual event will be held May 15th. As in years past, the Board will provide a letter of support.

The Chairperson was invited to be part of VCPA Legacy Council to engage in reimagining of Enslaved African Burial Grounds at Van Cortlandt Park. Meets monthly.

Due to term limits, many Board members term will end in 2027 and 2028. Encouraged all to think of leadership roles that may be of interest to them and be more involved with Board committees.

Thanked Board members K. Buford and O. Martinez for their work through the years on the Board. K. Buford was past Chair of Traffic & Transportation Committee and O. Martinez

stepped up in his first year as Chair of the Aging committee. Both were involved in other committees and Board events.

K. Buford stated that it was a tremendous honor to serve in the Board and community. Looks forward to being part of the community and working with everyone in a different capacity as a community member. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need institutional knowledge.

O. Martinez stated that it is not the close to a book, but the close to a chapter. Received a promotion at work that needs his attention. In order to not do a disservice to the Board, did not reapply. Once everything is settled, hopes to be back on the Board.

District Manager's (DM) Report

Happy Women's History Month.

Now that FY2026 Community District Needs Statement has officially been released, if any committees would like to follow up on the agency responses, please reach out to the office to connect with the proper agency.

Held the District Service Cabinet (DSC) meeting on March 4th. The next DSC meeting is on April 1st.

Following up with the School Construction Authority (SCA) regarding the timeline on the paving project on Tibbett Ave near IN-Tech Academy. Asked if temporary repairs can be made for the potholes.

Attended the Bronx Borough Service Cabinet Meeting where they had presentations from the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) on review of budget submissions and NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Flooding 101.

Attended a press conference hosted by NYC Council Member Dinowitz requesting the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) take action on more traffic safety measures such as stop signs in North Riverdale, due to a recent hit and run in the area. DOT has denied this request in the past.

Attended a legislative breakfast hosted by the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ) regarding the future of the Harlem River Greenway and daylighting the Tibbetts Brook.

Shared flyers with the Board on the Bronx Borough President's State of the Borough event.

Community Board application deadline has been extended to March 21st.

Con Edison will be sending an update on gas main work being done from West 246th through North Riverdale. Will have details shortly and the work will begin next week.

Our office was notified regarding an Optimum service outage at one of our private senior apartment complexes in the district – RiverWalk Senior Apartments by RiverSpring Living. 148 customers were affected by this outage and the office reached out to Altice USA who completed the repairs needed (due to a Con Edison pole fire) and services were restored.

Attended a monthly working group on the future of community boards with all citywide district managers. Organizing a board development workshop for the next Executive Board meeting on April 2 with the Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) to talk on topics of Parliamentary Procedures. This will entail a combination of effective meetings, and use of motions. They have a few workshops that are free and very useful for the future development of our board. Hoping to organize more in the future for our new members, but all members can benefit from it.

Printed the Draft April Meetings Calendar for your review. Please send your confirmation or comments as soon as possible.

Regarding the status of *Jimmy Packes Way*, the NYC Council needs more information regarding his community service work to be considered for review.

Committee Reports & Resolutions

a) **Aging** – M. Gibbs presented the below resolution:

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 – AGING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INTRO. 1096-2024
February 13, 2025**

Bronx Community Board 8 Resolution to support and advocate on behalf of the New York City (NYC) Municipal Retirees and urging the New York City Council to pass Intro. 1096-2024, which will preserve retiree health care choices by mandating the City to offer Medicare-eligible City retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents at least one Medigap plan with benefits equivalent to or better than those available to City retirees and their dependents as of December 31, 2021.

WHEREAS, so many constituents have served the New York City (City) and are now enjoying the retirement benefits they earned, and;

WHEREAS, the issue of healthcare is extremely important and must be protected for the 250,000 NYC retirees who worked for their healthcare rights, and;

WHEREAS, Intro. 1096-2024 is in the Civil Service and Labor Committee in the New York City Council (Council) and awaits a hearing so it can move forward in the Council, and;

WHEREAS, the NYC retirees are being forced into a Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP) with no alternative option provided, and;

WHEREAS, this plan threatens retirees' access to the level of health care they have received in the past, in that retirees would be forced into a MAP with limited medical providers and would also be at the MAP's whims for preauthorization decisions that may be based - at least in part - on Artificial Intelligence - instead of the medical decisions from their current regular medical providers, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed plan would draw millions of dollars away from traditional Medicare into a privatized MAP, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed plan sets a harmful precedent for the rest of the Nation, and;

WHEREAS, the NYC Retirees have testified in various forums, including at the January 11, 2023, NYC Council Civil Service and the Labor Committee public hearing, that they have been subjected to unconscionable stress due to this violation of their earned healthcare benefits, and;

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board Aging Committee unanimously supported this draft resolution at its February 13, 2025, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 urges all of its elected officials to publicly support the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees' efforts to enact Intro. 1096-2024. We request that the City maintain the choice of the original Medicare plan and a Medigap plan provided at the time of employees' hiring, and not force retirees into a private, profit-driven healthcare plan, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge Council Members Eric Dinowitz, Carmen De La Rosa, and Pierina Ana Sanchez to uphold the City's obligations to its retirees, including its obligations set forth in New York Administrative Code §12-126. Consistent with these obligations, the City has for several decades (since 1967) paid the out-of-pocket cost of the GHI Senior Care plan, a Medigap plan which the majority of NYC Retirees have chosen; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge the New York City Council to exercise leadership by bringing the vote to the floor for membership to vote to enact Intro. 1096-2024.

Discussion was held regarding the bill being under litigation. Additionally, COIB stated that it is not a conflict for Board members who are covered by this retirement plan to vote on this resolution.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (2) D. Gellman, J. Townes

Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of NYC Council Intro. 1096-2024 PASSED.

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

b) **Economic Development** – O. Martinez presented the below resolution:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
March 4th, 2025**

**Dining Out NYC Roadside Cafe Application
Blackstone Brill & Grill 3713 Riverdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10463**

WHEREAS, Black Stone Bar & Grill of 3713 Riverdale Avenue has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, a Representative of Black Stone Bar & Grill appeared before the Economic Development Committee on November 21, 2024 to provide details of their request which would allow them to use a portion of the public sidewalk ("the sidewalk cafe") dimensioned at 12" X 12" for 4 tables and 8 chairs in front of their restaurant; 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, the Economic Development Committee recommends approval for the Black Stone Bar & Grill application for the 12" X 12" Roadside cafe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval for the Black Stone Bar & Grill application for the 12" X 12" Roadside café.

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Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the Dining Out NYC Roadside Cafe Application for Blackstone Bar & Grill PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION was made by O. Martinez and SECONDED by R. Singh to submit a resolution from the floor and add it to the agenda for the SAPO Application for SBS Mobile Bus at 6025 Broadway.

In Favor: (32) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes,

D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

O. Martinez presented the below resolution:

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
March 11, 2025**

SAPO APPLICATION SBS Mobile Bus at 6025 Broadway

WHEREAS, Small Business Services has applied for a SAPO application to bring a mobile bus to Santa Fe Restaurant, 6025 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471 to hand out information and resources to the local businesses.

WHEREAS, Small Business Services with KRVC (Applicant) 1 Liberty PLAZA NEW YORK, NY, 10006 has applied to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its Mobile Bus to be held at the curbside of 6025 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471 on Tuesday, March 18, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested to restrict parking of three to four spots for the mobile bus to park in front of 6025 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471 on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 2:00pm to 6:30pm; and

WHEREAS, there will be no street closure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8, supports the issuance of a permit to the SBS/KRVC for the parking restrictions on 6025 Broadway, Bronx, NY 10471, on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 from 2:00pm to 6:30pm.

In Favor: (32) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the SAPO Application for SBS Mobile Bus at 6025 Broadway PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

c) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs –Two retired educators from the community attended the meeting brought up the question about the President dismantling the

Department of Education. It is connected to the Pell Grant, special education, Title 1, and many more programs. There is a movement among parents and teachers against this move. Congress needs to approve the President's proposal to dismantle the Department of Education (it cannot be done through an Executive Order). Working with the principals of the local schools in our District regarding the FY27 budget items. The next meeting will be on March 25th.

d) Environment & Sanitation – The next meeting will be on March 19th where the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ) and the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will talk about the Harlem River Use and Attainability Assessment (UAA) Plan proposed change to SB-WW (or no swimming). Will also discuss the budget and city agency responses to the budget requests from last year.

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

f) Housing – A meeting was held on February 24th where the NYC Accelerator discussed Local Law 97 (LL97) which mandates that large buildings significantly reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, aiming for 40% reduction by 2030 and 80% by 2050. One of the main questions was how do we achieve this goal without being economically burdened. NYC Accelerator provided various links that may be helpful to many buildings in the District (attached in the meeting minutes).

g) Land Use – Receiving complaints from neighbors within 400 feet of land use applicants that they are not being notified on the projects happening (SNAD). Ask the office that whenever an application comes in, we do not accept the filing without proof from the applicant that they reached out, via mailing, to their nearby neighbors within 400 feet regarding their project.

Regarding SNAD again, in virtually every meeting this year, we have received indication that either the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) has no interest in pursuing or enforcing SNAD and the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) has reverted to a practice of not seeing violations. The office has received many photos of the violation of SNAD but the DOB inspectors suddenly did not see it. The next time this happens, would like to get a hold of the Commissioner of the NYC Department of Investigations (DOI) and/or the Bronx District Attorney and ask them to do a review.

Innovative Development has started their construction in Van Cortlandt Village and has been disturbing their nearby neighbors through loud jackhammering and construction times. No request was received on extension of time, but they have been working on Saturdays also. Trying to keep on top of it.

Rumors have been going around regarding who will be moving into the development being built at 160 Van Cortlandt Park South. At the last Land Use Committee meeting, Tishman Speyer, the developer, stated the units will be for affordable housing, and not transitional housing.

h) Law, Rules & Ethics – Those of you who are thinking about what committees you want to join in the future, just note that with term limits, many of us will not be around in a couple of years. Committee chairmanships ought to be considered.

i) Parks & Recreation – At the last Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, discussed the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan. It is a 20-year plan, and we are halfway through it. The NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) made a presentation on it and can be found on YouTube. On March 25th, the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) will hold a community input session of Fort Independence Playground. The next Parks & Recreation Committee meeting will be on March 26th and Wave Hill will be presenting on their new Meadow.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Buffalo Wild Wings located at 193 West 237th Street, 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, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Smashburger #1485 located at 193 West 237th Street, 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.

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Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses, Inc and Wave Hill Incorporated, located at 675 West 252nd Street, 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.

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Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, P&K's Grille Inc located at 170-174 West 231st Street, 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.

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Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

NEW APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Benjamin Saritsky & Nick Bulio, Representatives of Shake Shack located at 5510 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS the applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of operation.

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, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on March 18th at 7pm the NYPD 50th Precinct. Thank you to K. Buford and O. Martinez for your service – wishing you all the best.

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz's Report

It is Civics Week in NYC Public Schools, and being a part of a community board is one way that you can be involved and civically engaged in the community.

Legislation to require the 311 system to provide customer satisfaction surveys after a case is closed has now been enacted into law. The 311 Resolution Satisfaction Dashboard can be viewed at <https://www.nyc.gov/site/311reporting/311-reports/resolution-satisfaction.page>.

Held a press conference requesting the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) take action on more traffic safety measures such as stop signs in North Riverdale, due to a recent hit and run in the area. DOT has denied this request in the past.

Discussion held on construction being done for the new elevator from street to platform level on west side of Broadway for the Van Cortlandt Park - 242nd Street Station.

k) Traffic & Transportation – The next meeting will be held on March 20th.

l) Youth – The next meeting will be on March 17. The NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) will present on youth programming in CB8. Senator Jackson’s office will also present on the “Solutions, not Suspensions” Bill that is being run through the NYS Assembly and NYS Senate. The Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) application deadline has been extended to March 14. The Summer Rising Program, through the NYC Department of Education (DOE), application deadline is on March 28.

m) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – The committee met on February 27. New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) gave a presentation and reviewed the history of the Hudson River Greenway (HRG) proposal, including the 2018 Feasibility Study that was done under the auspices of the MTA. Also described a January 19, 2025 meeting held under NYMTC’s auspices which brought together elected officials from Yonkers, Westchester, the Bronx, and New York City. Some of the Yonkers and Westchester officials learned about the greenway plan for the first time. All of them seemed quite enthusiastic about it.

Much of the conversation after this focused on the MTA’s plan to fortify the Hudson riverfront in Riverdale and elsewhere to protect the Hudson Line tracks against expected flooding caused by rising river levels. All agreed that we must meet with the MTA as soon as possible to urge it to incorporate the greenway into its resiliency planning. NYMTC is in communication with MTA to set up this meeting.

n) Special Committee on Veterans’ Services (SCVS) – The next meeting will be on April 24 and the committee will be discussing and recognizing the official end of the Vietnam War and those community members that served. There is a park bench in Memorial Grove that will receive a plaque to recognize this.

o) Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) – The committee met on March 6. The NYC Commission on Human Rights attended and presented on what is protected under NYC Municipal Law and how individuals can find information on this. Please refer to the

meeting minutes. The Combating Hate flyers have been posted in the community. Committees should prioritize equity in their budget requests.

p) Irving Ladimer Community Service Award Committee – The committee will be meeting on March 13. The deadline for nominations is March 21.

q) Budget – The Borough President Budget Report did not highlight any of our requests, and the City agency responses to CB8 submitted 23 capital and 30 expense requests but only charted 10 capital and 5 expense requests. Committee chairs appear to be progressing on potential FY27 requests.

Board Chairperson encourages members to go view the April 3, 2024, Executive Committee meeting for best practices on CB8 YouTube as well as SCRE Equity Map.

April 3, 2024, Exec: Nicholas Stamper, Department City Planning (DCP) Analyst and lead for community district needs process presented at the Executive Board Committee on Guidance and Best Practices for Community Board Budget Requests. [Go to Video section 20:00 Executive Committee - April 2024](#)

[CB8-Cap-Request-Map-FY25.pdf](#)

Miscellaneous

N/A

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Adjournment

A MOTION was made by R. Singh and SECONDED by D. Travis to adjourn.

In Favor: (30) S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, K. Buford, J. Campbell Priveterre, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, J. Edmondson, N. Fazio, S. Froot, D. Gellman, M. Gibbs, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, J. Land, O. Martinez, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, R. Singh, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:19 pm.

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

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