



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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## NOTICE OF BOARD MEETING

### OFFICERS:

#### Vice Chairperson

Bob Bender

#### Secretary

Robert Jacklosky

#### Treasurer

Vacant

The regular Board Meeting of Bronx Community Board 8 will be held via Zoom on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 PM.**

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

#### Aging

Daniel Padernacht

#### Budget

David Gellman

#### Economic Development

Nicholas Fazio

#### Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs

Sylvia Alexander

#### Environment & Sanitation

Robert Fanuzzi

#### Health, Hospitals & Social Services

Omar Murray

#### Housing

Theodore R. Morris II

#### Land Use

Charles G. Moerdler

#### Law, Rules & Ethics

Martin Wolpoff

#### Parks & Recreation

Ramdat Singh

#### Public Safety

Edward Green

#### Traffic & Transportation

Debra Travis

#### Youth

Julia Gomez

1. Public Gallery Session
2. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
3. Report from the 50<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. District Manager's Report
7. Report from the NYC Department of City Planning
8. Roll Call
9. Election of Treasurer

#### 10. Committee Report:

- a) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
- b) Environment & Sanitation
- c) Health, Hospitals & Social Services
- d) Housing
- e) Land Use
- f) Law, Rules & Ethics
- g) Parks & Recreation
- h) Public Safety
- i) Traffic & Transportation
- j) Youth
- k) Aging
- l) Budget
- m) Economic Development
- n) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
- o) Special Committee on Racial Equity
- p) Special Committee on Veteran Services

11. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2022
12. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2021
13. Miscellaneous Business

**Laura Spalter**  
Chairperson



***Pursuant to recent NYS 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.***

## Bronx Community Board 8 | Treasurer's Report | FY2022, January

### 1 – Operating Budget Update – FY2022

The budget for FY 2022 is \$269,354. This includes the standard budget allocated to Community Boards for FY2022 as well as an additional \$5,000 allocated by Council Member Rodriguez's Office.

Community Board 8 has allocated \$87,544 in total.

<b>Appropriation</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
Personal Services (PS)	\$ 234,334	\$ 79,613	\$ 154,721
Other Than Personal Services (OTPS)	\$ 35,020	\$ 7,931	\$ 27,089
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 269,354</i>	<i>\$ 87,544</i>	<i>\$ 181,810</i>

This report details the progress on the current budget to date. Please note that 'allocated' includes money spent as well as encumbered but not yet paid.

#### 1.1 - Other Than Personal Services Detail

The table below summarizes the progress to date on the various object codes within the OTPS budget.

<b>Object Codes</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>Remaining</b>
<b>100s - Supplies</b>	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,527	\$ (27)
<b>300s – Equipment</b>	\$ 3,250	\$ 897	\$ 2,353
<b>400s – Office Items + Other</b>	\$ 23,420	\$ 509	\$ 22,911
<b>600s - Services</b>	\$ 5,750	\$ 3,998	\$ 1,752
<b>700s - Fees</b>	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
<b>Total OTPS</b>	<b>\$ 35,020</b>	<b>\$ 7,931</b>	<b>\$ 27,089</b>

#### 1.2 – Budget Modifications

There are budget modifications for approval. Please see Addendum A.

### 1.3 – Purchase Order & Accounts Payable update

As of the date of this report, the Community Board has \$0 in requested funds and holds \$5,693 in encumbered funds.

*“Requested” funds include any items that the board office has requested to purchase but have not been purchased yet.*

*“Encumbered” funds include any items that have been purchased, inputted into the system and are awaiting payment.*

Object Codes	Requested	Encumbered
<b>100s - Supplies</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,043
<b>300s – Equipment</b>	\$ -	\$ 777
<b>400s – Office Items + Other*</b>	\$ -	\$ 365
<b>600s - Services</b>	\$ -	\$ 2,508
<b>700s - Fees</b>	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total OTPS</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 5,693</b>

Due to a lag in processing between the Financial Management System (FMS) and OMB, it appears that there are items from FY2021 that are still in ‘encumbered’ status. The CB8 Board Office is working with OMB to process the differences but many items have already been reconciled.

### 1.4 – Rent and Energy Detail

The budget for rent and energy is maintained separately from the standard community board budget. This is allocated and maintained directly by OMB per the lease contract. Progress is detailed below for reference.

Object Codes	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
<b>414 – Lease</b>	\$ 64,427	\$ 18,261	\$ 46,166
<b>42C – Heat, Light &amp; Power</b>	\$ 2,743	\$ 783	\$ 1,960
<b>499 - Other</b>	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2
<b>Total OTPS</b>	<b>\$ 67,172</b>	<b>\$ 19,044</b>	<b>\$ 48,128</b>

## **Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West Intersection**

### **Traffic & Transportation Committee**

**December 16, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, residents have raised concerns about safety on Sedgwick Avenue at the intersection of Van Cortlandt Avenue West;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic & Transportation Committee heard public testimony at the June, October and November 2021 committee meetings regarding the details of these safety concerns;

**WHEREAS**, in the past five years 37 motorists have had crashes without injuries, 18 motorists and 4 pedestrians have been injured and one pedestrian has died at this intersection;

**WHEREAS**, this intersection has bus stops for the BX1, BX2, BX10 and BXM3 and has many commercial businesses;

**WHEREAS**, this intersection is frequently used by children and seniors because it is adjacent to the Jasa Senior Center and is within a school zone for PS 95 and Ampark Neighborhood School and is a route served by crossing guards during the school year;

**WHEREAS**, this corridor has heavy traffic volume connecting the Major Deegan, Henry Hudson Parkway, Mosholu Parkway and local streets;

**WHEREAS**, modifications made to the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West have not made pedestrians crossing Van Cortlandt Avenue West safe from turning vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, vehicles traveling both north and south on Sedgwick Avenue are unable to safely turn left without interference from oncoming traffic;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation perform a traffic study of the intersection of Sedgwick Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West to address adverse sightlines between motorists and pedestrians and last minute lane changes, the placement of the traffic island on Van Cortlandt Avenue West, review the feasibility of a dedicated left turn lane and signal for northbound traffic, review the signal timing for traffic in all directions including new signals for each flow of traffic;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, that the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests the restoration of the pedestrian crossings at all four sides of the intersection.

Vote:

Favor: G Santiago, K Buford, E Green, ME Gibbs, C Calhoun, D Travis

Oppose: none

## **Sedgwick Ave Resolution**

### **Traffic & Transportation Committee**

**December 16, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, residents of 3850 Sedgwick Avenue have raised concerns about safety on the two block section of Sedgwick Avenue from Van Cortlandt Avenue West to West 238<sup>th</sup> Street;

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic & Transportation Committee heard public testimony at the June, October and November 2021 committee meetings regarding the details of these safety concerns;

**WHEREAS**, in the past five years 9 motorists and 2 cyclists have been injured in crashes in these two blocks;

**WHEREAS**, 36 motorists have had crashes without injuries;

**WHEREAS**, this area has bus stops for the BX1, BX2 and BXM3 and adjoins an actively used public park and playground, Fort Independence Playground;

**WHEREAS**, this area is within 1.5 miles of a public school;

**WHEREAS**, this corridor has changes in grade and several twists that limit sightlines;

**WHEREAS**, this corridor has chronic double-parking which causes traffic to cross the centerline;

**WHEREAS**, there is no pedestrian crosswalk for three blocks in either direction;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the NYC Department of Transportation study the feasibility of a traffic light at the intersection of Stephenson Place and Sedgwick Avenue near 3850 Sedgwick Avenue;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests the restoration of the flashing yellow caution light at the bend between Stephenson Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue West and the addition of a “No Standing Sign” on the east side Sedgwick Avenue just north of Stephenson Place to clarify the existing No Standing Zone and reduce vehicles illegally parking and blocking sightlines;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests that sharrows be installed on Sedgwick Avenue between Van Cortlandt Avenue West and Fort Independence Street, with no impact to parking, to improve visibility of the presence of cyclists;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee requests a study for a speed camera on Sedgwick Avenue between Giles Place and Stephenson Place.

Vote:

Favor: E Green, C Calhoun, K Buford, ME Gibbs, G Santiago, D Travis

Opposed:

## **Kappock/Palisade DOT Revision Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, in October, 2019 a pedestrian curb extension was installed by DOT at the intersection of Palisade Avenue and Kappock Street,

**WHEREAS**, the extended curbing inadequately directs water runoff to existing catch basins and no new catch basins were installed as part of this project,

**WHEREAS**, during Tropical Storm Elsa on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and during Tropical Depression Ida on September 1, 2021, 2727 Palisade Avenue experienced severe flooding for the first time since its construction due to inadequate storm water management from the street,

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution urging the removal of the curb extension and restoration of the previous design while maintaining pedestrian safety, reducing impervious surface, integrating green infrastructure, rebuilding the curb on the west side of Palisade Avenue and incorporating new storm water catch basins as needed to manage storm water,

**WHEREAS**, the New York City Department of Transportation provided stakeholders with a drawing of their intended changes to the curb line of the intersection and their plan to do the following: create several openings in the concrete for plantings to be either bioswales (pending DEP approval) or planted areas; install porous slabs in the roadway adjacent to the concrete extensions; install center channelization to identify travel lanes; install raised channelization; and to work with Con Ed to further improve the sidewalk in front of the co-op's property,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 rejects this proposal and calls for the intersection to be returned to its previous configuration.

Approve: C Calhoun, M Gibbs, E Green, G Santiago

Oppose: K Buford, D Travis

## **Independence Avenue Flexible Delineator Resolution Replacement**

**WHEREAS**, in the fall of 2020 and early winter of 2021, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board 8 held several public discussions on ways to reduce drag racing on Independence Avenue;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of the community expressed strong opposition to general, common traffic calming measures on Independence Avenue such as lane narrowing, pedestrian extensions, bike lanes, additional traffic lights and the completion of sidewalks;

**WHEREAS**, during the March 2020 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting committee members and the general public discussed the placement of flexible delineators and channelization at each impacted intersection to identify locations that would best reduce the intersection size while also addressing concerns with parking, pedestrian crossings, bus stops and garbage pickup;

**WHEREAS**, in April of 2021 Community Board 8 passed a resolution to recommend NYC DOT install flexible delineators and rubber speed bumps on Independence Avenue at the intersections of West 235<sup>th</sup> Street, West 236<sup>th</sup> Street, West 237<sup>th</sup> Street, West 239<sup>th</sup> Street and West 240<sup>th</sup> Street to reduce reckless “donuts” by vehicles;

**WHEREAS**, the Bronx DOT office has informed the Traffic and Transportation Committee that specific requested treatments cannot be guaranteed and that the agency does not have specific treatments to reduce intersection radius to address illegal vehicular activity like “donuts”;

**WHEREAS**, 311 reports on Independence Avenue and adjacent side streets have dramatically been reduced from 54 complaints between January 2020 and March 2021 to 8 from April to October 2021 with the re-installation of speed bumps, street lines and increased enforcement;

**WHEREAS**, the April 2021 resolution has not been acted on by the New York City Department of Transportation;

**WHEREAS**, this resolution supersedes and replaces the April 2021 resolution from Community Board 8 to the New York City Department of Transportation;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Transportation make no changes to Independence Avenue to address drag racing without first coming back to the Traffic and Transportation Committee.

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Approve: D Travis, C Calhoun, E Green, M Gibbs, G Santiago

Oppose: D Gellman, K Buford



Law Rules & Ethics Committee Resolution  
January 10, 2022

WHEREAS the LRE committee seeks to establish a protocol for filling midterm vacancies caused by the death, resignation or termination of a Board officer or committee chair and

WHEREAS LRE seeks to minimize the possibility of a chilling effect caused by the premature announcement of the names of Board members interested in seeking to fill such vacancy,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board No. 8, Bronx approves the following language to be included in the Board's Ethical Guidance Manual:

Upon the vacancy of any Officer or elected Committee Chair position as the result of death, resignation or termination, the expression of interest by any community board member in seeking election to the position will not be made public before 10 days after the effective date of such vacancy. Expressions of interest may be submitted at any time up to the time of the election to fill such vacancy. A vote to fill such vacancy shall be taken not later than at the second regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy. At the election to fill the vacancy, all nominations will be made from the floor

Committee Vote:

Yes (9): Sylvia Alexander, Kelli Buford, Lisa Daub, Paul Ellis, Steve Froot, David Gellman, Dan Padernacht, Omar Murray, Martin Wolpoff

No (0):

Abstention (1): Rosemary Ginty