

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES 9/21/23

Attending committee members: K. Buford (Chair)_

C. Calhoun(Vice Chair)

S. Alexander

I. DeLeon

D. Gellman

M. Gibbs

J. Land

E. Lobos

T. Morris (via zoom)

Meeting Commenced at 7:13 pm(due to technical issues with zoom feed)

1. Chair Buford gave chairs report .
2. Chair Burford reviewed meeting minutes which got committee approval.
3. Chair Buford named C. Calhoun as vice chair of committee.

4. Request for street naming @ W 230th & Tibbett Av. For James Packes
Mr. Joe Furlou & Mr. Seamus Mc Cormick made the case for the naming.
Mr. James Packes ran Kingsdale service station & Riverdale Auto Clinic from 1964-2021
He was a pillar in the community, being very generous & giving.
Committee members Gellman & Gibbs echoed the sentiment.
The board already has 3 letters on behalf of the street naming, including one from
former Boro president Ferrer
The Vote on the naming passed unanimously by committee members in attendance.

5. An update presentation was made by DOT on the bikeshare expansion in CB 8.

DOT Reps: Holly Malone, Lisa Morasco, Darisa Cruz & Finlay Scanlon made the presentation.

Amongst the highlights or the presentation were;

- Shared use mobility
- Private/public partnership
- Citibike has been around for 10 years.
- This expansion is part of phase 3 of the program.
- 200,000 annual members of citibike
- Station sites
- Public outreach
- Draft plan creation
- Final steps and installation
- Sidewalk & Street installations

- Committee members raised several concerns about the program.

K. Buford asked for # of parking spaces that would be lost in street installation sites. DOT said 21 docks take up about 2-2 ½ street parking spaces.

D. Gellman reiterated the need for the total # of spots lost He further stated that it looks like the Kingsbridge area alone is about to lose 12.

J. Land questioned how many more riders will this put on our local streets.

C. Calhoun stated that of the 3 metro north stations that serve the community only Marble Hill is near public transportation, where Riverdale & Spuyten Duyvil are not. These would be ideal Citibike locations. D. Gellman supported this issue.

K. Buford questioned why the citibike expansion phase 3 did not go west of Irwin Avenue

C. Calhoun asked how are bikes recovered that are not returned to the docking station as he has personally observed bikes abandoned on the street.

K. Buford asked why two stations are slated for Van Cortlandt Pk?

D. Gellman commented that docking stations at VCP should be situated on sidewalk and not in the streetbed.

The overall consensus of the committee was that taking away street parking spots is going to be a huge issue.

D. Gellman stated that maybe docking stations could be installed on a concrete pad at the Jerome Park reservoir locations. Community resident Jodie Colon is against paving over any greenspace.

Community Resident Michael Amabile encouraged the board to write to DOT requesting additional expansion into Spuyten Duyvil & Riverdale.

6. Ride share program was discussed.

J. Colon expressed dissatisfaction with ride share

S. Alexander requested another meeting re the location at 227 st. & HHP

DOT said rideshare is a pilot program and welcomes feedback.

K. Buford asked how long is the pilot?

7. Old business:

S. Alexander reiterated her concern to DOT how dangerous the intersection of 235th & Oxford is. She further stated that there has been no change or safety improvements. Chair Buford stated to DOT that correspondence was sent on this issue, she further pressed DOT to get back to her in a week regarding the issues that came up at tonight's meeting.

8. New Business:

- J. Colon asked about the repaving of Edsall Av in Spuyten Duyvil.
- Ted Morris brought up the parking change in Marble Hill on Broadway between W 228 & W 230 streets. He stated the parking used to be angle parking and since the repaving of the street it has become curb parking resulting in the loss of many spaces, which is very important to residents, especially of the Marble Hill Houses .
- Chair Buford stated that the job of taking minutes would be a shared task by committee members.

9. 8:45pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes taken and submitted by , C. Calhoun