

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Traffic and Transportation Meeting
November 21, 2024

[Meeting Recording November 2024](#)

Committee Members Present

Mary Ellen Gibbs, Josh Land, Kelli Buford, Yngrid DeLeon, Rosemary Ginty, Debby Allen

Extraordinary Circumstances (ADA) Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander

Committee Members Absent

Margaret Della, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin

Chairperson Land convened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Approval of September 19 Committee Minutes:
Minutes unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Report

1. Outdoor Dining Sidewalk Application - Tin Marin

- Applicant (Tin Marin) was present for the outdoor dining application discussion.

- Sidewalk Issues

- Discussion on garbage cans obstructing sidewalks and their placement.

- Concerns about outdoor furniture storage affecting pedestrian access.

- The importance of ensuring sidewalks remain clear for pedestrian safety.

Important Details

- Applicant plans to store garbage cans inside the restaurant when not in use.

- Commitment to keeping sidewalks clear of obstructions.

- Approved this with conditions:

Application Approved with Conditions: Anything outside of the outdoor café, including planters, excess tables and garbage bins to be removed from the sidewalk.

IN FAVOR (6): M. Gibbs, J. Land, K. Bufford, Y. DeLeon, R. Ginty, D. Allen

ABSTAIN (1): S. Alexander

OPPOSED (0):

2. DDC Update on Sidewalk Safety Plan

- Maria from the DDC provided updates on the sidewalk safety plan for West 254th St.

- Introduction of community construction liaison for ongoing projects.

- Plans for improvements include addressing pedestrian safety and flooding issues.

- Sidewalks will be built on both North and South sides of street. No more residential parking

Community Concerns and Feedback

- Residents expressed concerns regarding traffic, parking, and sidewalk conditions.
- Discussion on the need for ADA compliance in sidewalk designs.
- Homeowners highlighted the importance of clear communication from DDC regarding project impacts.

3. Old and New Business

- Discussion on Step Streets and their maintenance.
- Proposal to review and document conditions of Step Streets for future improvements.
- Committee members will take pictures of Step Streets and submit findings by the January meeting.

DDC Construction Updates:

- Ongoing work on sidewalks and drainage systems.
- Emphasis on maintaining access for residents during construction.

- **Community Engagement**:

- Community members encouraged to report issues and participate in ongoing discussions about neighborhood safety and infrastructure.

- Next Steps:

- Continued communication between residents and DDC is essential for project transparency.
- Residents were encouraged to voice concerns and ask questions during meetings.
- Importance of respectful dialogue highlighted to maintain a collaborative environment.

Old Business

None

New Business

Discussion of regional traffic study to mitigate pollution

Resident Jo Ben Meir asked for help in removing the confusing no turn sign by Irwin Ave. and West 231st street. Also to remove a cleaning sign that doesn't belong there. Asked him to make 311 complaints and will follow up.

Meeting was called into executive session at 8:47 pm and ended at 8:52 pm

4. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:59 pm.

Submitted by,
Josh Land