

Minutes of the Traffic & Transportation Committee Meeting

January 20, 2022 -- 7pm via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

Committee: Debra Travis (Chair), Kelli Buford, Christopher Calhoun, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs (Community Committee Member), Osvaly Jimenez, Georgia Santiago

Absent: Edward Green

Other CB 8 members: Sylvia Alexander, Omar Murray, Dan Padernacht, Laura Spalter, Camelia Tepelus,

Guests: Frederick Klein (Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office), Lorenzo Manzano (Council Member Eric Dinowitz's Office), Officer Gallagher (50th Pt)

AGENDA:

Debra Travis called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Approval of Minutes

A quorum being present, the minutes of the December 16, 2021 committee meeting were approved by unanimously

Chair's Report

Margaret Donato has left the committee

Request for Street Co-Naming the Corner of Hudson Manor Terrace and West 237th Street in Honor of I. William "Bill" Stone as "Bill Stone"

The committee heard testimony from many members of the community, including two former Community Board Chairs and Dan Padernacht, the current Board Chair, Laura Spalter, and City Council Member Eric Dinowitz, in favor of the co-naming of the corner of Hudson Manor Terrace and West 237th Street in honor of I. William "Bill" Stone. Representatives from River Spring Living and Hebrew Home, AHRC NYC and Bronx Developmental Disabilities Council also attended and spoke of Mr. Stone's vital service to the community. It is clear to the committee that Mr. Stone's humility, mentorship and constancy were of the highest caliber.

**Resolution to Request to Co-Name the Corner of Hudson Manor Terrace and West 237th Street
in honor of I. William “Bill” Stone as “Bill Stone”
from January 20, 2022 Meeting**

WHEREAS, I. William “Bill” Stone meets the mandatory requirements for a Community Board 8 Street Naming by being deceased for greater than two years and has been nominated by three or more organizations which are on the list required to be kept by the Community Board under the NYC Charter;

WHEREAS, the location bearing the name change has a specific connection to his life as he resided nearby at 3801 Hudson Manor Terrace for nearly 60 years;

WHEREAS, Bill Stone served our community as an active member of Community Board 8 for nearly 40 years and during his tenure chaired the Health & Hospitals and Libraries Committees and was Treasurer, Vice Chair and served three terms as Chair of Community Board 8. Additionally, he served on the Board of Directors of AHRC NYC providing much needed services for people with disabilities for nearly 50 years, eventually leading the organization as President for three of those years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Bronx Community Board 8 supports the co-naming of the corner of Hudson Manor Terrace and West 237th Street in honor of “Bill Stone”.

Committee Vote:

Favor: Debra Travis, Kelli Buford, Christopher Calhoun, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Osvaly Jimenez, Georgia Santiago

Oppose: none

K Dale Livery Base License Application

The new owner was expected to make a presentation, however, they were not in attendance. The issue has been tabled pending their attendance at a future meeting.

Public Discussion of Vehicular and Pedestrian Safety on Bailey Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue South

Committee discussed concerns with the community regarding the intersection of Van Cortlandt Avenue South and Bailey Avenue. Major points of concern were: left turns from all directions, traffic flow is unruly and leads to erratic behavior by drivers, no controlled stops from the slip lanes from the Deegan or from eastbound Van Cortlandt Ave South, pedestrian crosswalks are too wide and two difficult to navigate with turn traffic, and honking from backed up traffic on Bailey Avenue. The access to Van Cortlandt Park is also very dangerous because it requires crossing the Deegan northbound on-ramp after vehicles are already up to speed and there is no crosswalk or sidewalk to the park or signage that pedestrians may be crossing. Next steps are to reach out to NYC and NYS DOT and the Parks Department/Van Cortlandt Alliance to continue the discussion. We will discuss the intersection of Bailey Avenue and West 238th Street at the next meeting.

New Business

Resident request for a stop sign at Webb Avenue and Eames Place: A resident expressed concerns that vehicles traveling south on Webb Avenue turn onto Eames Place at a high rate of speed as both streets are one way and there is no oncoming traffic. There is a school on this corner and it is very busy at the start and end of each school day. Chair suggested that a school safety study may be appropriate. The committee will have the board office reach out to the school to see if they concur on the need for a safety study. There is no history of crashes or injuries at this intersection.

Resident raised concern of inadequate sidewalk and no pedestrian crossing on Johnson Avenue between the 232nd step street and Ewen Park. The intersection is very wide and there are no defined places for pedestrians to cross. Chair suggested next steps for the resident would be to speak to his neighbors and reach a consensus on their proposal.

Resident raised concern of double and triple parking on Broadway at 225th Street due to 2-3 inches of water on Broadway. Catchment needs to be cleaned. Chair will pass request on to Environment and Sanitation Committee. Also a build up of pigeon poop on the train tracks above. CM Dinowitz's office stated that they were working to get the pigeon deterrent spikes replaced and then they would have the droppings removed.

Old Business

Resident raised the issue of double-parking in front of Saint Gabriel's School on Netherland Avenue from 235th to 232nd Street during pickup and drop off of students. She says the Principal of the school has sent the board office a letter to request additional enforcement. Chair will follow up with board office as this request may have gone to the Public Safety Committee.

FY24 Budget Priorities: David Gellman, the Chair of the Budget Committee walked the committee through the next steps in the budget process. In the February meeting, the committee will compile two lists of budget requests – one capital and one expense. At the March meeting we will prioritize this list and in April we will finalize this list.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:26pm.

Prepared & Submitted by: Debra Travis, Chair, Traffic & Transportation Committee