

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JUNE 12, 2017

AT WILLIAM E. IRWIN JR., AMERICAN LEGION POST 774, 3035-37 CORLEAR AVENUE

PRESENT: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, D. Santiago, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

ABSENT: L. Croft, D. Fuchs, S. Gozland, D. McCord, L. Parker,

STAFF: M. F. Heller – District Manager
D. Bay – Community Associate

GUESTS: Councilman Andrew Cohen, J. Cortes, rep. Mayor Bill deBlasio, N. Severino – rep. Congressman Adriano Espaillat, A. Castano – office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, E. Dinowitz – District Leader, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, D. Kornbluh – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., DI O'Toole - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, J. Gold, Thrive NYC, T. Butler, R. Stevenson, B. Velez, Y. Perez, S. Wilson, P. Pamphile – Van Cortlandt Library, E. Federman, V. Shanahan, E. Figueroa, M. Allen, M. Fischer, Esq., - R. Prey, R. Cherubin, M. Cherubin, J. Catalano – Hebrew Home, J. Cabal, M. Mercier, M. & J. Mason, M. Zelnik, J. Jutnowitz, S. Chait, S. Philip, J. Young, H. Roberto, M. Kelly, J. Power, K. Boclrato, S. Brennel, M. McBride, C. Wilcon, J. Park, D. Saleh, P. Hiev. R. Trisk, E. Nolan, H. King, J. Laks, B. Weiss, C. O'Brien, J. Young,

Chair Padernacht convened the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

1. Gallery Session

- Allen Dillon spoke on behalf of the Broadway-Riverdale Merchants Association (representing 26 businesses) concerning the NYC Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) Broadway Corridor proposal. Although they applaud them for trying to implement traffic calming and safety measures they feel this plan will hurt businesses or possibly force some out of business. Narrowing parking and traffic lanes, and installing a bus bulb will result in more traffic congestion and will greatly limit customer access. It will also make deliveries and pickups very difficult. They urged Bronx CB8 to disapprove this plan.
- Kerry Bader spoke on behalf of the Broadway Community Alliance. They support traffic calming and safety measures on Broadway, but oppose the NYCDOT plan. They object to narrowing Broadway and parking lanes, cars parked in the middle of Broadway, increased congestion caused by double parked cars, decline in their quality of life and deterioration of infrastructure from increased congestion and traffic and bus bulb on 242 Street that reduces parking and access to businesses on Broadway. They support the Board's resolution since it supports elements in the NYCDOT plan such as restriping and changes to the Henry Hudson Parkway exits.
- Donell Leverett – re - NYCDOT Broadway corridor plan. He is opposed to the installation of a bus bulb at 242 Street, converting Broadway to one way and the installation of bike lanes.
- Robin Stevenson, a resident of Broadway, opposed the NYC DOT Broadway plan. Events in the park cause more traffic and double parking in the area. NYPD needs to enforce the double parking along Broadway. There are now more buildings on Broadway which in turn has created more traffic. She strongly urged DOT to survey the residents who live along Broadway and the participants in the park since they are more perceptive of the vulnerabilities.
- Debra Allen is strongly against the installation of a swimming pool at 660 West 261 Street. This is a Special Natural Area District and the applicant wants to remove trees. She urged the board not to approve this application.

2. Introduction of Special Guests

Councilman Andrew Cohen, J. Cortes, rep. Mayor Bill deBlasio, N. Severino – rep. Congressman Adriano Espaillat, A. Castano – office of Assemblyman Dinowitz, E. Dinowitz – District Leader, C. Lang – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, D. Kornbluh – rep. State Senator Jeffrey Klein, A. Toledo – rep. Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., DI O’Toole - NYPD, 50th Police Precinct, J. Gold, Thrive NYC,

3. Report from the 50th Police Precinct – DI O’Toole

- 28 day comp stat report – 2017 vs. 2016 – year over year, 0 murders both years, rape – 1 vs. 1, burglary – 5 vs. 15, felony assaults – 6 vs. 19, grand larceny 38 vs. 31, auto grand larceny 8 vs. 1. Credit card fraud is up.
- Broadway corridor - NYPD is vigilant in summoning double parking along Broadway. He suggested additional traffic lights and signage to reduce speeding. Whatever the outcome NYPD will work to improve safety measures on Broadway.
- G. Santiago thanked D.I. O’Toole for helping the Marble Hill residents. He advised anyone with a concern to contact the precinct.

4. Report from the Office of the Bronx Borough President – A. Toledo

- The board will soon be notified of new membership.
- The Soundview section of the Bronx will be transformed into York Studios which will create many more jobs.
- An LGBTQ needs assessment survey is available at <http://bit.ly/2so1TJB>.

5. Community Service Award Presentations – D. Gellman

The Community Service Award was established to acknowledge the many volunteer efforts of groups and individuals within our community. It is the Board’s belief that by recognizing our committed community volunteers, we can in some small way reward those most deserving and inspire others to follow their example.

This year’s recipients of the award were Dan Reynolds and Mark Mason, as the “Stewards of Henry Hudson Park,” Roselande Cherubin, a multi-year volunteer of College of Mt. St. Vincent and Tyler Cambrelen, a local Kingsbridge student.

6. Chairman’s Report – Daniel Padernacht

- Information on Thrive NYC was available at the meeting.
- Bronx CB8 had a table with information at the Riverfest. Chair Padernacht thanked board members L. Daub, R. Ginty, J. O’Brien, B. Bender, M. Goodman, R. Lowe and District Manager, Mike Heller for volunteering.
- On June 12, 2017 the Philharmonic will be at Van Cortlandt Park. This is a free event.
- Purchases will be made of additional CB8 promotional materials and multiple copies of a CB8 Housing and Youth committee guides.
- Representatives from CSX sat down with elected officials and agreed to soon have an appraisal on the property from Van Cortlandt Park to West 230 Street.
- A small office is set up in the board office as a work space for board members.
- Information on the new board members is forthcoming.
- D. Kornbluh stepped down as board member and Chair Padernacht thanked him for his service.
- Chair Padernacht is stepping down as Chair at the end of the month. He said it was an honor for him to serve the community and the board. The board changed significantly in the past 3 years. There was team work amongst the officers and they worked hard to be transparent. He’s proud of the work the board did on tackling big issues such as ZQA, MIH and the Broadway corridor. He said it’s okay to disagree but it’s important to hear all views. He thanked previous Chairmen, I.W. Stone, R. Fanuzzi, M.

Wolpoff, C. Moerdler and D. McShane. He also thanked each Committee Chair who he stated are the work-horses of the board and he enjoyed working with all the board members. He was particularly thankful to Vice Chair, Rosemary Ginty. He learned a lot from her and said that she has been more than instrumental in helping him. He also thanked the previous District Manager Patricia Manning, the present District Manager and the staff.

7. Treasurer’s report – Amy Joy Robateau

- The Treasurer received credentials and training from NYC Financial Information Services Agency (FISA).
- A filing system was implemented for FY 2016-2017 that will be clarified if anyone is interested.
- Attended the Comptroller’s Fiscal Year Annual Closing Seminar.
- The final FY 2017 Treasurer’s Report was emailed on June 6, 2017.
- She thanked Councilman Cabrera for giving the board \$5,000.00 from his discretionary funding.

8. District Manager’s Report – M. Heller

- No report, except he wants to thank the officers and the staff for being very supportive.

9. Department of City Planning – No City Planning representative was present

Chairman welcomed Councilman Cohen to address the board

- The Councilman gave his deep appreciation and thanks to Chair Padernacht for his service. He noted that to be Chair it is many hours of work without compensation.
- Councilman Cohen congratulated the reappointed board members.
- An 85 billion dollar budget was adopted. 9 million dollars will go towards the renovation of the Spuyten Duyvil Library. Other monies will go towards school technology, our non for profit organizations and our parks.
- The Chair thanked Councilman Cohen for his work with the board over the years.

10. Nominating Committee Report – M. Wolpoff

Non-challenged incumbents were not encouraged to seek interviews. One candidate was seeking two positions on the slate but then decided on one. Since this circumstance is not in the bylaws it will be discussed at the Law, Rules and Ethics Committee meeting. The nominating committee is subject to the provisions of the Open Meetings Law. The committee did not consider the chair positions for the board’s two ad hoc committees. M. Wolpoff thanked the nominating committee, S. Alexander, Georgia Santiago and Laura Spalter for attending all the meetings. M. Wolpoff noted that in the future, if a member wishes to be on the nominating committee they should be available when the meetings will take place. All board members have the right to nominate themselves or other board members from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor.

Chair Padernacht opened the floor for discussion after he presented the Officers slate:

C. Moerdler noted that R. Ginty has great ability, integrity and will be a benefit to the community. She is a fit and able person to succeed D. Padernacht.

11. Election of Officers

OFFICERS

Chairperson	Rosemary Ginty
Vice-Chair	Paul Ellis
Treasurer	Amy Joy Robateau
Secretary	Karen Pesce

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** – 0

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R. Ginty thanked the board for choosing her. She said it was a real honor to work for the board and will do the job to the best of her ability. She thanked the officers for their work over the years. She also thanked D. Padernacht and said he did his job with ethics, energy, purpose and professionalism. She is anxious to get started as Chair and is looking forward to working with Vice Chair, Paul Ellis and District Manager, Michael Heller.

12. Election of Committee Chairs

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Aging	Lisa Daub
Budget	David Gellman
Economic Development	Sergio Villaverde
Education	Sylvia Alexander
Environment and Sanitation	Laura Spalter
Health, Hospitals and Social Services	Omar Murray
Housing	Steven Sarao
Land Use	Charles Moerdler
Law, Rules and Ethics	Martin Wolpoff
Libraries	Marvin Goodman
Parks and Recreation	Bob Bender
Public Safety	Mary Yamagata
Traffic and Transportation	Joe O’Brien
Youth	Lamont Parker

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** - 0

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- M. Wolpoff thanked Dan for his years of service and for his transparency in the board operations.

13. Committee Sign Up – committee sign-up sheets were distributed

Chair Padernacht made a motion to renew the standard resolution of Bronx Community Board 8 empowering the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board during the summer recess:

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** - 0

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Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, D. Santiago, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

14. Committee Reports

A. Environment & Sanitation – L. Spalter

- Refer to May minutes.
- Next meeting will be held June 21 in the board office. There will be a presentation by the Department of Environmental Protection regarding the construction of a Water Quality Monitoring Station in Van Cortlandt Park in the vicinity of Mosholu Avenue.

B. Health, Hospitals and Social Services – D. Escano, Vice Chair

- The next meeting is Monday, June 19th at the Kingsbridge Library at 4:45. There will be a presentation on bullying by NYPD.

C. Housing – P. Ellis

- At the May 22nd meeting DOB reported on the current activities. DOB has increased funding and reduced their wait times on responses to complaints.
- The next meeting is on June 26. They will hear NYCHA's budget priorities for the coming year.
- P. Ellis stepped down as Housing Chair and was elected to be Vice Chair of the Board. He thanked the members of the Housing Committee for all their hard work over the last several years. They tackled issues such as crime in NYCHA houses, reducing complaints at NYCHA housing and completing a Housing Resource Guide.

D. Land Use – C.G. Moerdler

- The board voted to **deny** the following application - 660 West 261 Street, Fiegelson residence – For the grant of authorizations for a modification of botanic environment and tree preservation and planting requirements to allow the construction of an in-ground swimming pool and surrounding deck on a site with an existing single-family residence located at 660 West 261 Street (Block 5922, Lot 622) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2), within the Community District 8, Borough of The Bronx.

Vote: In favor - 25

Opposed – 2

Abstentions without cause - 5

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Opposed: I. Ladimer, T. Moran

Abstentions without cause: R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, R. Pochter Lowe, O. Murray, I. W. Stone

- At the Land Use meeting of June 5, 2017 the applicants of 4490 Fieldston Road were asked to meet with the Fieldston Property Owners Association to discuss their applications and then come back to the board. For this reason there was a vote to table the resolutions on the following applications until the next Land Use meeting.

Department of City Planning Application at 4490 Fieldston Road (Lot 1) – For the grant of authorizations for modification of topographic features on Tier I sites, for a development on a portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer, and for modification of botanic environment and tree preservation and planting requirements to allow the construction of a single-family detached residence (Block 5808, Lot 1) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2).

Department of City Planning Application No. N170332ZAX, N170333ZAX, N170334ZAX, N170335ZAX, 4490 Fieldston Road (Lot 2) – For the grant of authorizations for the development on a Tier II site or portion of a zoning lot having a steep slope or steep slope buffer, medication of botanic environment and tree preservation and planting requirements, modification of grading controls, and modification of requirements for private roads and driveways to allow the construction of a single-family detached residence (Block 5808, Lot 2) within the Special Natural Area District (NA-2).

C. Moerdler recused himself for cause on the following vote:

Vote: In favor - 31 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions:** 0

In favor: S. Alexander, E. Bell, B. Bender, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, D. Escano, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, T. Moran, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, J. M. Reyes, A. J. Robateau, D. Santiago, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

- E. Law, Rules and Ethics – M. Wolpoff
- The next meeting is on Wednesday, June 14th in the board office.
- F. Libraries & Cultural Affairs – M. Goodman
- M. Goodman thanked Councilman Cohen for the funding for Spuyten Duyvil Library.
 - Van Cortlandt Library may not be moved to a new location until 2020.
- G. Parks & Recreation – B. Bender
- B. Bender thanked Chair Padernacht for his service as Chair of the board.
 - No meeting in June.
 - The committee completed a Parks Resource Guide.
 - The Pedestrian Bridge in Van Cortlandt Park and Daylighting of Tibbett's Brook in Van Cortlandt Park will be on the Parks agenda in the fall.
 - Riverfest was a great success.
- H. Public Safety – M. Yamagata, Vice Chair
The following resolutions were presented:
- ❖ **WHEREAS**, Spanglish, located at 6697 Broadway, appeared before the committee on May 18, 2017, seeking committee approval of their application for a full liquor license; and **WHEREAS**, no adverse information was presented; and **WHEREAS**, the owners agreed to close by 2AM; and **WHEREAS**, no vote was taken due to the absence of a quorum; Be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.
 - ❖ **WHEREAS**, Tilila, located at 3658 Bailey Ave, appeared before the committee on May 18, 2017, seeking committee approval of their application for renewal of a full liquor license; and **WHEREAS**, no adverse information was presented; and **WHEREAS**, no vote was taken due to the absence of a quorum; Be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.
 - ❖ **WHEREAS**, Keenan's, located at 5588 Broadway Tilila, appeared before the committee on May 18, 2017, seeking committee approval of their application for renewal of a full liquor license; and **WHEREAS**, no adverse information was presented; and **WHEREAS**, no vote was taken due to the absence of a quorum; Be it resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application.

The following vote was for the three resolutions above:

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** – 0

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I. Youth – No report – Chair not present

J. Aging – L. Daub

- The Aging meeting today was postponed to Tuesday, June 20th in the board office at 3:30pm due to extreme heat.
- She asked members to sign up for the Aging Committee.

K. Budget – M. Yamagata

- No report

L. Economic Development – S. Villaverde

- The next meeting is on June 28 at the Kingsbridge Social Club.

M. Education – S. Alexander

- Refer to minutes.
- Next committee meeting is on June 27 at the board office.

N. Special Hudson River Greenway Committee – B. Bender

- A report was distributed. One update since the report is that they heard from Metro North on Phase II and there will be an updated report in September.
- The committee members are now B. Bender, L. Spalter and D. Padernacht.

Chair Padernacht moved a vote to extend the Special Greenway Committee with the members being B. Bender, D. Padernacht and L. Spalter:

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** – 0

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Chair Padernacht moved a vote to extend the Veteran's Special Committee with the members J. O'Brien, A.J. Robateau, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, H. Young and James Santiago as Chair.

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** – 0

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O. Traffic & Transportation – D. Padernacht

- D. Padernacht chaired the T&T meeting on May 25, 2017.

The following vote is for a resolution on a Safety Awareness Day Block Party with full street closure on October 22, 2017, West 237 Street between Independence Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway.

Vote: In favor - 32 **Opposed** – 0 **Abstentions** – 0

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- April and May's 2017 Traffic & Transportation Committee's agenda was the NYC Department of Transportation's proposal on the Broadway corridor. The first meeting was an informational meeting and the second meeting was a Public Hearing so the community's voice could be heard.

The following resolution on the Broadway corridor was presented and discussed.

WHEREAS, Broadway between West 242nd Street and the City Line ("Broadway Corridor") is a wide street, comprised of at least two northbound lanes and two southbound lanes, with parking on each side; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation ("DOT") has presented a plan for safety improvements from West 242nd Street to the City Line; and

WHEREAS, DOT cites speeding as an issue along the corridor and states speeding is especially prevalent during off peak hours; and

WHEREAS, DOT cites a number of accidents between 2010 and 2014 on the Broadway Corridor;

WHEREAS, DOT recognizes Broadway as an important bus route for 9 NYC Transit lines, some of which connect to the subway lines; and

WHEREAS, Broadway is also known as U.S. Route 9, a designated truck route; and

WHEREAS, Broadway is the western boundary of Van Cortlandt Park; and

WHEREAS, DOT installed two signalized crossings (traffic lights) on Broadway and West 246th Street and at Broadway at the Tortoise and Hare Statue Park entrance in November 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that speeding has been greatly reduced on the Broadway Corridor since the installation of these new traffic lights; and

WHEREAS, DOT has stated that it cannot study the effects of these new traffic lights for at least one year from the date of their installation;

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that lack of parking is an issue on the Broadway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that they would like DOT to study the possibility of angle parking along Van Cortlandt Park; and

WHEREAS, DOT proposed the addition of parking spots along the Broadway Corridor which could be installed regardless of the plan being implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that double parking is an issue on the Broadway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the wide 13' parking lane permits the flow of traffic around double parked vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that if the DOT plan were implemented, which would narrow the traffic lanes, double parking would stop the flow of traffic on Broadway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that, Van Cortlandt Park, as a renowned cross country and track destination, attracts schools from across the country to sporting events and that during these events, large buses double park along the Broadway Corridor on both sides of the street; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that if the DOT plan were implemented, which would narrow the traffic lanes, double parking of these buses at the sporting events would stop the flow of traffic on Broadway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, DOT proposes that the curbside bus stops on the northbound side of the Broadway corridor will be eliminated and replaced with bus bulbs thereby forcing buses to stop in a moving traffic lane to pick up and drop off passengers; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that if the DOT plan were implemented, the new bus stops would stop the flow of traffic on Broadway Corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that similar changes as those proposed have been implemented in Manhattan and have caused devastating congestion;

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the proposed protected bike lane may be dangerous to pedestrians entering and exiting the park, especially individuals with baby carriages which enter the bike lane first; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the proposed protected bike lane may be dangerous to motorists exiting their vehicle, particularly with packages, carriages and children in the Northbound lane because of the narrowed lane with oncoming traffic and the bike lane on the other side of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the proposed plan may be dangerous to motorists exiting their vehicle, particularly with packages, carriages and children in the Southbound lane, because of the lane being reduced to an 8' width; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the public would prefer bike lanes in the park and not in the street;

WHEREAS, the narrowing of lanes coupled with double-parked vehicles and buses stopping in traffic lanes will create congestion and gridlock on the Broadway Corridor;

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that if the plan were implemented, the congestion and gridlock will cause vehicles to use alternate streets in North Riverdale such as Post Road, Fieldston Road and Riverdale Avenue;

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that if the plan were implemented, the congestion and gridlock will cause emergency vehicles to be hindered in their vital functions; and

WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that the Broadway Corridor has been made dangerous by the failure of DOT to maintain the striping of key crosswalks and intersections; and WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the businesses on West 242nd street and Broadway rely on the use of the service lane on West 242nd Street and that the proposed plan will hurt their businesses.

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board does not approve the DOT plan as presented but finds that certain elements of the plan may be beneficial; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board appreciates the efforts of Council Member Cohen for bringing safety issues of the Broadway Corridor to the forefront of community discussion; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends the restriping of the intersection at Broadway and Mosholu Avenue so as to narrow the intersection for pedestrian safety; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT install the additional parking spots identified along the Broadway Corridor; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT study the possibility of angled parking along Van Cortlandt Park; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT initiate a study to analyze the effects of the two new traffic lights on Broadway Corridor promptly after the one year period; and

BE IT RESOLVED that should the DOT study of the traffic lights reflect additional measures needed, that the Board recommends DOT reconfigure the timing of the traffic lights in order to slow traffic further; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends additional traffic lights on the Broadway Corridor; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends aggressive enforcement of double parked vehicles on the Broadway Corridor;

BE IT RESOLVED that, at the Broadway exit from the southbound Henry Hudson Parkway, the Board recommends that DOT study the elimination of the northbound lane on to Broadway, where two pedestrians have been injured, thereby directing all exiting cars to the existing lane controlled by a traffic light, as recommended in the Van Cortlandt Park Master Plan approved by Community Board #8.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board recommends that DOT conduct a separate and distinct study of the area between Manhattan College Parkway and West 242nd Street in order to analyze the entire activity of this important transportation and commercial Hub;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT move the bus stop on the west side of Broadway between Manhattan College Parkway and West 242nd Street from its current spot to a new location further north to alleviate some of the issues at this Hub;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT consider the possibility of a traffic circle at Broadway and Manhattan College Parkway to alleviate some of the issues at the Hub; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT investigate the installation of unprotected, designated bike lanes on the northbound and southbound side of Broadway.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recommends that DOT initiate a study of alternatives for bike lanes along the Broadway Corridor, including the installation of unprotected, designated bike lanes on the northbound and

southbound side of Broadway, in and out of the park, and present this study to this committee in a separate and distinct proposal from the safety plan presented herein.

- ❖ E. Bell requested to amend the resolution by **removing** WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony from the public that they would like DOT to study the possibility of angled parking along Van Cortlandt Park and the BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee recommends that DOT study the possibility of angled parking along Van Cortlandt Park. The motion was seconded by D. Gellman.

Vote: In favor – 10 **Opposed** – 20 **Abstentions** – 0

In favor: B. Bender, E. Bell, S. Froot, D. Gellman, R. Pochter-Lowe, J. Obrien, J. Reyes, A.J. Robateau, D. Santiago, J. Santiago,

Opposed: S. Alexander, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, I. Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, D. Padernacht, G. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

The amendment did not carry.

- ❖ E. Bell requested to amend the resolution by removing WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that similar changes as those proposed have been implemented in Manhattan and have caused devastating congestion;

This amendment was not seconded.

- ❖ E. Bell requested to amend the resolution by removing WHEREAS, the Committee heard testimony that the proposed protected bike lane may be dangerous to pedestrians entering and exiting the park, especially individuals with baby carriages which enter the bike lane first; The motion was seconded by C. Moerdler.

Vote: In favor – 6 **Opposed** – 24 **Abstentions** – 0

In favor: E. Bell, B. Bender, D. Gellman, I. Ladimer, C. G. Moerdler, A. J. Robateau,

Opposed: S. Alexander, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, R. Fanuzzi, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, R. Pochter Lowe, T. Moran, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, J. M. Reyes, D. Santiago, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

The amendment did not carry.

The Chair moved the vote on the resolution:

Vote: In favor – 25 **Opposed** – 5 **Abstentions** – 0

In favor: S. Alexander, L. Daub, M. Donato, P. Ellis, S. Froot, R. Ginty, M. Goodman, I. Ladimer, R. Pochter Lowe, C. G. Moerdler, T. Moran, O. Murray, J. O'Brien, D. Padernacht, J. M. Reyes, D. Santiago, G. Santiago, J. Santiago, S. Sarao, L. Spalter, I. W. Stone, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff, M. Yamagata, H. Young

Opposed: E. Bell, B. Bender, R. Fanuzzi, D. Gellman, A. J. Robateau

15. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2017

The minutes will be completed and voted on at the next Land Use meeting.

16. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of June 7, 2017 - none

17. Miscellaneous Business

Meeting adjourned at 10:40.

Submitted by,

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