

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18, 2012**

**PRESENT**

Daniel Padernacht  
Sylvia Alexander  
Bob Bender  
Paul Ellis  
Robert Fanuzzi  
Michael Heller  
Robert Press  
John L. Sullivan  
Assemblyman Dinowitz  
Andrew Sandler  
Tony Edwards  
Daniel Johnson  
Bharat Parekh  
Alimur Rahman  
J. Conover  
Ana Geagan  
Michael Goldblum  
Blu Greenberg  
Ginger Knox  
Jenniefer Klein  
Damari Nunez  
Alesar Pablo  
Ann Rauch  
Gloria Schneider  
Eugene Tepperman  
Kathy Valyi  
Ari Wax

**AFFILIATION**

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rep. Councilman Koppell  
rep. Councilman Rodriguez  
office of Assemblyman Dinowitz  
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The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Riverdale Y by Chair Dan Padernacht.

Residents of Independence Avenue between West 246<sup>th</sup> and 247<sup>th</sup> Streets asked the committee to support its request for No Parking signs to be placed on both sides of the street. One resident stated they remember No Parking signs on the west side of the street in the past. Residents stated that cars are parking on both sides of the street and it is causing a dangerous condition. A petition by all residents on the street was presented in support of the new signage. The issue of emergency vehicles having access was discussed. John L. Sullivan of the FDNY said that FDNY trucks can safely go down the street in question. The chair will check with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to inquire if any signage was in place in the past. The committee decided to vote on placement of No Parking signs on the street, contingent upon the fact that no signage already existed. The vote was 5 – 0 – 0 with members with Padernacht, Alexander, Bender, Heller and Press voting in favor.

Residents of Sycamore Avenue between West 252<sup>nd</sup> and 254<sup>th</sup> Streets asked the committee to support its request for No Parking signs to be placed on both sides of the street. The recent enlargement of the nearby school parking lot was to have alleviated this problem. The Chair stated that more information is required. The chair asked for specific regulations requested, a

petition of support from all residents on the street and more information on what was requested by Councilman Koppell's office.

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) spoke again about the new Cannon Place retaining wall as there were still questions by area residents after last month's presentation by DDC. Specific points include questions about the bid process, historic artifacts and areas, removal of parking, water main replacement effect to the area and the aesthetic value of the new wall to the community were also discussed. DDC is requesting a letter of support from the community board. The committee will send comments to DDC based upon the discussion and will vote on a letter of support when the final plans for the project are submitted to the committee.

A resident near the new Riverdale Crossings shopping center questioned the placement of large tractor trailer trucks going through Putnam Avenue past Visitation Church and School to access the new shopping center. She stated that Putnam Avenue is used as a play street for the school and she does not want the huge trucks going down Putnam Avenue. Board 8 Chairman Fanuzzi recommended to the resident that she gather other residents with similar concerns and come back to the committee. The chair said that this matter would be on the agenda of the next meeting.

Old Business: Vice Chair Press brought up the subject of street repaving and that the committee should make up its list of streets throughout the community board it would like to have repaved. This is to be sent to all board members for suggestions on streets that need to be repaved.

New Business: Mr. Tony Edwards of Councilman Rodriguez's office stated that the Councilman has proposed extending the BX20 bus route to 145<sup>th</sup> Street and Lenox Avenue.

The Chair stated that he wanted to invite new ideas or suggestions for the SAPO Permit process. It was stated that in the previous year, there were 14 SAPO applications approved and three denied. Of the 14 applications, 11 were renewals from the previous year. It was suggested by Board Member Paul Ellis that all applicants from the previous year be informed of the new SAPO process within our Board. SAPO regulations will be on next month's agenda.

A motion to accept the previous month's minutes was seconded and approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 PM.

Dan Padernacht  
Chairman

Minutes submitted to the Chair by Vice-Chair Robert Press.