

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 18, 2011, AT THE RIVERDALE YM/WHA
5625 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Daniel Padernacht	CB8
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
Warren Dolny	CB8
Philip Friedman	CB8
Thomas Giallorenzi	CB8
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Nils Graham	CB8
Mike Heller	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
Herbert Young	CB8
Samuel Basch	
Robert Davis	
Wyldon Fishman	
Stephen Hammer	
Sonia Heuer	
Heidi Jerome	
Denise Kandel	
Eric Kendel	
Jennifer Klein	
Deborah May	SAR
Brendan McHugh	Riverdale Review
Gili Moran	SAR
Allison Pavia	
Adam Wisniesky	Riverdale Press

There was a lengthy discussion among board members and community members and representatives of SAR on various traffic and transportation issues on the following streets: West 254th Street between Rivercrest Road and Railroad Terrace; Palisade Avenue between West 254th Street and Ladd Road; Sycamore Avenue between West 252nd Street and West 254th Street; and the 5200, 5300 and 5400 blocks of Independence Avenue.

Many community residents stated that, despite continued complaints to the 50th Precinct and 311 calls, there is no enforcement of the parking regulations on the above listed streets by the 50th Precinct or by the NYPD Traffic Enforcement agents. The Chairman stated that enforcement of parking regulations can be discussed at the next meeting. A community member asked whether the Captain of the 50th Precinct can appear at the meeting and discuss the enforcement issue on these streets. The Chairman stated that he would invite the Captain of the 50th Precinct and a representative of NYPD Traffic Enforcement to the next meeting.

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The Chairman directed the conversation to discuss whether or not there should be any changes to the parking regulations and the street signs on some of the particular streets discussed.

The first street discussed was West 254th Street between Independence Avenue and Palisade Avenue. After lengthy discussion among board members and community members, the Committee decided to recommend to the Department of Transportation that No Standing signs be placed on West 254th Street between Independence Avenue and Palisade Avenue.

The second street discussed was the 5200, 5300 and 5400 blocks of Independence Avenue. After lengthy discussion among board members and community members, the Committee decided to recommend to the Department of Transportation that No Standing signs be placed on the 5200, 5300 and 5400 blocks of Independence Avenue.

The next streets discussed were Palisade Avenue between West 254th Street and Ladd Road; and Sycamore Avenue between West 252nd street and West 254th Street. After lengthy discussion among board members and community members, the Committee decided not to make any recommendations to DOT at this time as there was no consensus on what changes, if any, should be made on these streets.

Community residents did offer some suggestions to SAR to alleviate some of the traffic congestion during drop-off and pick-up time of the students. Some of the suggestions are create space for parents on the SAR school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times; hire a traffic engineer to advise how the school grounds can be effectively used to help the situation; create satellite parking; ask the teachers to car pool or use mass transit; change the bus pick-up times to leave early or later.

A resident from Edgehill Avenue raised to the Committee a problem of another resident blocking Edgehill Avenue with his vehicles. The Chairman, aware of the situation, stated that the Board office had directed the complaint to the appropriate agencies. The resident inquired about the status of whether Edgehill Avenue was a public or private street. The Chairman stated that he believes that Edgehill Avenue is a public street but will confirm that fact at the next Committee meeting.

Committee member Bob Press notified the committee of suspected illegal signs on Independence Avenue in front of P.S. 24. The committee will investigate.

Vice Chairman of the Board Robert Fanuzzi announced that we have hit the approximate two year anniversary of a study taken regarding the placement of bike racks in our area and approximately the one year anniversary of the statement of the muni meters being converted to bike racks and there has yet to be any bike racks placed in our Community Board. The Chairman stated that he had seen a unique bike rack design in Manhattan close to City Hall. The Committee will continue to seek the bike rack conversions in our area.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Padernacht, Chairman