

Traffic and Transportation Meeting
July 10, 2017
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
Kingsbridge Terrace

Committee Members Present:

Sylvia Alexander, Eric Dinowitz, Margaret Donato, Diomarys Escano, Myra Joyce, Joseph O'Brien, Dan Padernacht, Georgia Santiago, Laura Spalter, Herb Young

Committee Members Absent:

Eric Bell, David Gellman, Herb Young

General Attendance:

1. DDC appeared in front of the committee to give a presentation on the West 229th Street step street reconstruction and to ask that the scope of work be amended to remove the temporary staircase from the project.

Ali Malik – DDC

Maria Centeno – DDC

Charlie Martinez – Resident engineer for project

DDC explained the project. Project is to completely reconstruct the West 229th Street step street. 18 month construction period. DDC has chosen contractor. Notice to commence project has gone out. Contractor stated he can do project in 12 months as opposed to 18 months if temporary staircase is removed from the scope of work. Detour is one block to 230th Street. DDC will maintain for 18 months and then community must go to agencies for maintenance. DDC believes step street will be good for 10 years. The project will start in a couple of months. There will be a community contact liaison (CCL). CCL will gather information and continue to update board members.

Ali Malik said 231st Street and Sedgwick is next street to be done.

D. Padernacht made a motion to remove the temporary staircase from the scope of work as requested by DDC. Chair O'Brien seconded motion.

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Opposed: None
Abstain: Eric Dinowitz

2. Budget consultation discussion. L. Spalter stated that the reconstruction of the step street at Summit Place and Bailey Avenue be added to budget requests.

D. Padernacht made a motion that the reconstruction of the step street at Summit Place and Bailey Avenue be added to the T & T Committee budget requests. L. Spalter Seconded.

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Opposed: None
Abstain: None

3. Unenclosed sidewalk application by Blackstone Bar & Grill. Steve Catechis appeared for the applicant. The sidewalk café will have 21 seats in 9 tables. Hopefully by end of summer the café will be open. Will be serving food. Applying to SLA to serve liquor outside. Tables will go inside each night. Entire sidewalk utilized is 14 feet width by 8 ½ feet from corner. From wall of Blackstone. Will be temporary fencing which is removable and taken in each night.

D. Padernacht made a motion that the application be approved. M. Donato seconded the motion.

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Opposed: None
Abstain: None

4. SAPO Application –St. Jemiel Back to School Rally with full street closure on September 2, 2017 to be held on Webb Avenue between West 197th Street and Reservoir Avenue. Eda Clarke Ramsey spoke on behalf of the applicant. This event has been held previously in Fort Independence Park in 2013. Event will run from 10am-4pm. 9am set up. Breakdown at 4pm. Out by 5pm.

Funded by ACS and DOB. Full day care camp. Beginning of school year should be a good start. Want to have a block party with school supplies. Rides and attractions for kids. Inviting families to attend to do health care screening. Invited Board of Ed as well to give information to the community.

Approval conditioned on permits from other agencies.

Chair O'Brien made a motion that the application be approved. D. Padernacht seconded the motion.

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Opposed:	None
Abstain:	None

5. Broadway Corridor.
D. Padernacht noted that during the testimony from the community on the DOT proposal for changes to the Broadway Corridor, a member of the community stated how crosswalks needed to be re-stripped. D. Padernacht presented several pictures in a PowerPoint Presentation which indicated several intersections from the city line to Manhattan College Parkway which showed crosswalks had faint markings or no markings at all. D. Padernacht made a motion for a resolution to send DOT a letter requesting it re-stripe each intersection from the city line to Manhattan College Parkway.

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Opposed: None
Abstain: None

R. Ginty said many streets were being re-milled in North Riverdale. DOT will be striping anyway. R. Ginty asked if the committee could send in letter to DOT in time for re-milling.

New business:

Elevator at 242nd Street. Can we get elevator at 242nd Street. R. Ginty stated that there is a drop down menu for budget codes that we can use in our budget consultations.

D. Padernacht made a motion that the Traffic and transportation Committee include a request for an elevator at the West 242nd Street Subway Station in the committee budget requests. S. Alexander seconded the motion.

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Opposed: None
Abstain: None

Padernacht made motion. Sylvia Alexander seconded.

Georgia Santiago stated that someone was hit on West 230th Street today. We don't always recognize all of the needs of the community. G. Santiago asked if we could have one police officer at that intersection since it was so dangerous.

Assemblyman Dinowitz spoke about intersection. Said a capital project would be the best thing for the area.

B. Press spoke about 640 West 238th Street construction and said the building was almost complete. However, street is completely ripped up. B. Press would like developer to fix street completely. R. Ginty said it will probably be the last thing developer does before opening building.

David Bush asked for a 4 way stop sign on West 235th Street Oxford Avenue. Assemblyman Dinowitz said his office put in request. J. Stephenson said Council Member Cohen put in a request.

Assemblyman Dinowitz said the Bronx Park Commissioner and 50th Precinct Deputy Inspector and other officials were in his office to come up with solutions for the double parking of buses at Van Cortlandt Park on Broadway during track meets. They want buses to park on Major Deegan service road by East 233rd street and McLean Avenue at the city line. Buses will go there and we will need enforcement by PD and Parks Department. Buses must know about this and agencies must enforce. Assemblyman Dinowitz stated that having a dedicated place to go will be very helpful.

Meeting adjourned.