

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 16, 2014, AT
MANHATTAN COLLEGE, 3825 CORLEAR AVENUE**

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Michael Heller	Committee Chair
Robert Press	Committee Vice Chair
Bob Bender	CB8
Anthony Creaney	CB8
Joseph O'Brien	CB8
James Rather	CB8
Georgia Santiago	CB8
Herb Young	CB8
M. Joyce	
E. Machleder	
A. Sandler	Rep. City Councilman Cohen
Phil Shen	
M. Curanaj	
A. Curanaj	
T. Shelton	Co-President PS 24 P.A.
L. Moukas	
D. Slotnick	
O. Carrington	Executive Director Tech International Charter School

Minutes of the CB 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee held on December 16th 2014.

The meeting was held in Fishbach room of Manhattan College 3840 Corlear Avenue

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM and a quorum was present. A question was raised as to M. Joyce being a community committee member of the committee, and the chair said that he had not gotten official word back from the office. He had M. Joyce join the board members at the front table.

The chair explained the new policy of the Executive Committee towards committee minutes not being released until for 48 hours after the board receives them so committee members can go over them to see if any mistakes were made. The minutes of the November meeting were then approved 8 – 0 – 0 by board members M. Heller, R. Press, B. Bender, A. Creaney, J. O'Brien, J. Rather, G. Santiago, H. Young.

The chair mentioned the problem of student loitering on West 231st Street, and the suggestion of Assemblyman Dinowitz at the last meeting to have some of the #1 buses pick up students on West 230th Street instead of West 231st Street. The issue is being brought to the NYCT for discussion.

Sidewalk Cafe renewals – 1 - Salvatores of Soho 3738 Riverdale Avenue. 17 tables 42 chairs Owner M. Curanaj in attendance -no questions. 2 – Yo Burger 3738 Riverdale Avenue. 26 tables 52 chairs. Owner A. Curanaj in attendance. Question of current benches outside store

as to table and chairs. 6 benches with seating for 36. Owner said that a new application would have to be filed, and that he is below the approved number of tables and chairs. After hearing no more comments both renewals were unanimous approval by committee 8 – 0 – 0 by board members M. Heller, R. Press, B. Bender, A. Creaney, J. O'Brien, J. Rather, G. Santiago, H. Young..

Street Activity Permit ID # 193054 PS 24 Springfest to be held on 6 /3/ 2015. PS 24 P. A. Co-president Tracy Shelton appeared. The event has been held the past 5 years with no problems. The committee voted 7 – 0 – 1 M. Heller, B. Bender, A. Creaney, J. O'Brien, J. Rather, G. Santiago, H. Young, with R. Press abstaining for cause.

Tech International Charter School Executive Director E. Carrington came before the committee to ask for a bus drop off area. Two small buses drop off and pick up special needs children, and they have to double park to unload and pick up. Parents also double park when dropping off and picking up students. 1 - 2 parking spots are requested to be removed. School currently has 300 students in grades 6 – 8 with a capacity of 350 expected to be met next year.

The chair said that this was not requested at the time the school opened years ago, and the elected officials are surprised now the request is being requested. Ms. Carrington said that the leadership when the school opened has changed. There is a new principal, and that she is the new Executive Director. Questions raised included – Why not unload in the driveway of the school building. How can this charter school get this when public schools grades 6 – 8 do not have loading and unloading zones? Was notice given to the neighbors in the area, and the question of these schools children loitering around the corner from the school on West 231st Street. The chair asked that the committee review this at the January meeting after more research and notice has been given to the neighbors of the school.

The chair went over some problems that were sent to him.

West 235th Street pedestrian overpass of the HHP. Items being thrown over the fence, and should it be an enclosed fence? Is it a capital budget item? R. Press to check with 50 Pct. To check for police reports if any.

Marble Hill residents complaining about diesel trains on Metro North tracks idling under or next to buildings in Marble Hill. Chair said that it is a problem of CSX railway and Metro North. Area elected officials Senator Espaillat, Assemblyman Linares, and Councilman Rodriguez may need to handle.

Chair mentioned a meeting with elected officials so that the community board and elected officials are on the same page when it comes to requests or problems. He mentioned that parking spaces were added to Stevenson Place in Van Cortland Village, but not next to the reservoir. The renovation of the pedestrian island at Van Cortlandt and Sedgwick Aves. Chair then took down problems which included Mosholu Ave. request for a speed hump that was denied, The bottom of West 254th Street, Mosholu Ave. from Broadway to Riverdale Ave. no center yellow line, the caving in of Mosholu Ave by the Riverdale Neighborhood House W. 255th Street .where DEP did work that is now caving in, No left turn signal on Riverdale Ave. by West 256th Street (PS 81), a 30 MPH sign still up in front of PS 91, Riverdale Avenue from West 231st Street to West 239th Street needs to be repaved, More time on countdown crossing clocks across Broadway at West 230th and West 225th Streets, Crosswalk markings

at Kingsbridge Ave. and West 238th Street, Irwin Ave and West 240th Street stop sign?, and more bike routes in CB8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

Minutes submitted to the chair for any revisions by Vice-Chair R. Press.

Approved by Michael Heller.