

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 19, 2012, AT THE OFFICE OF
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8**

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Daniel Padernacht	Committee Chair
Robert Press	Committee Vice Chair
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
Nils Graham	CB8
Mike Heller	CB8
Pedro Reyes	CB8
Georgia Santiago	CB8
Andrew Sandler	rep. Councilman Koppell
Andy Macagnone	DDC
Kristin Hart	FIPNA
Miawling Lam	Riverdale Review
Bob Drake	
Tom Durham	

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM by Chairman Dan Padernacht.

Because of the large number of people appearing for the street renaming of West 228th Street for Mr. Ted Corbitt, Chair Padernacht moved this item to the front. The street renaming was being advanced by Councilman Rodriguez's office. Mr. Tony Edwards of council Member Rodriguez's office appeared at the meeting and stated that the Council Member supported the street renaming.

Eleven different people spoke on why the street should be renamed. These individuals included friends, acquaintances and clergy members from the Marble Hill area and beyond. The committee heard testimony about Mr. Corbitt's Olympic world record running career, that he was a war veteran, his good deeds in the Marble Hill community and saw newspaper and magazine articles about his holistic healing efforts for severely disabled people. Reverend Dixon of St. Stephens Church on West 228th Street spoke about the great number of people who appeared at Mr. Corbitt's funeral.

Chair Padernacht explained the procedure for street renaming. The committee vote was unanimous to have the portion of Broadway in front of 5240 Broadway, where Mr. Corbitt resided, northbound from West 225th to West 228th Street renamed Ted Corbitt Way 7-0.

Residents of Independence Avenue above West 246th Street were on hand to ask that there be No Parking signs installed on the block they live on Independence between West 246th & West 247th streets. Photos were shown of cars parked on one side of the narrow street which

residents said blocks sanitation and emergency vehicles from going through the street. Committee members were urged to visit the site and discuss the matter at the next meeting.

DDC spoke on the Bailey Place retaining wall project. It is in its first phase where 23 piles have been sunk to stabilize the street. The project ran late due to a problem with a homeowner and should be completed by fall of 2013. DDC stated that 8-10 parking spaces have been taken away for the project but community members said that the number is more like 11-13 parking spots. The old stones will be replaced with new ones and after this is completed the Cannon Place Retaining wall work will start.

The Corlear Avenue Water Main project was then discussed and DDC said that after July 4th that the Main under Broadway has to be checked and moved to the other side of Broadway due to the condition of the old main. A question came up as to why the contractor was going to do only patch pavement over just the work area, and not a complete side-to-side repaving since the entire stretch was milled and resurfaced only last year. Chair to talk to DDC on this matter.

Chair Padernacht will ask the office to resend the list of milling and resurfacing done last year and to be done this year to all committee members.

The new solid red light arrow on Broadway Northbound at West 242nd Street was discussed, and Vice-Chair Robert Press said that he spoke with Captain Burke of the 50 Pct. who said that the 50 Pct. did not request the solid red arrow and that there was not a matter of safety at the corner. A request to DOT will be sent as to why the turning arrow was changed to solid red.

Budget Requests

Capital #1 Removal of the island northbound at West 242nd Street for a dedicated left turn lane.

Capital #2 Arts in Transit request for the West 242nd Street subway station to MTA.

Expense- possible extension of the BX7 and BX10 routes into Yonkers for better turn arounds of the buses.

There was a discussion of the changing of the walk/don't walk signs to countdown signs.

Mr. Sandler of Councilman Koppells office stated that the Greenstreet question for the DOT area on the southbound side of the HHP at the Manhattan College Parkway overpass would continue next fiscal year.

Skyview Shopping Center to be looked at further at the next meeting after the summer but it seems that the A&P store is cooperating with the Netherland Garden Coop owners as to the problems in their letter to the community board.

Vice Chair Robert Press brought up that 100 parking spaces were taken away Monday night June 18th on Independence Avenue from West 246th Street to West 237th Street for a three day movie shoot with only 10 hours notice to the community. 22 cars were towed away by the NYPD from Independence Avenue and it was said that trailers would line Independence Avenue. Last time this happened a few months ago these same parking spots were used by extras from New Jersey and Connecticut to park. Tuesday morning trailers were only in front of the temple at West 246th Street and 67 parking spaces were given back to the community. The temple was not used for filming (that took place ten blocks away) but for a cafeteria area. Vice-Chair Press volunteered to write a letter on the issue.

The Chair will follow up with Manhattan College on the parking spaces that will become available in the colleges parking garage when construction of the new student center by Waldo Avenue begins. The committee will discuss the formula for the parking at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Robert Press.