

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2015, AT MANHATTAN COLLEGE, 3825 CORLEAR AVENUE

Attendance

R. Press	CB 8 Committee Vice-Chair
S. Alexander	CB 8 Committee member
B. Bender	CB 8 Committee member
J. O'Brien	CB 8 Committee member
H. Young	CB 8 Committee member
J. Rather	CB 8 Committee member
M. Joyce	Community Committee member
D. Dixon	BFRDC
E. Coleman	Visitor
J. Xavier-Orochena	Resident
E. Bell	Resident
A. Sandler	Councilman Cohen's office
P. Shen	Resident
A. Jay Rabateau	Resident
J. Olivero	Resident
J. Bautista	Resident

The meeting was held in the Fishbach room of Manhattan College on Corlear Avenue and, called to order at 7:34 PM by Chairman M. Heller. There was no quorum present, Chair Heller asked with no response if the SAPO applicant was present, and moved the SAPO application for Eames Place back on the agenda.

The Chair gave his report on road resurfacing, and then went into a discussion of budget priorities. The chair would like to see the crumbling pedestrian bridge at West 235th Street over the Henry Hudson Parkway repaired. A. Sandler of Councilman Cohen's office mentioned the West 238th Step Street from Waldo Avenue down to Irwin Avenue has markings as if the DOT was going to repair it. He said that the councilman's office has not learned of such repair work, but that it is needed. J. Bautista said that the Summit Avenue step Street between Heath and Bailey Avenues needs to be repaired. Some of the steps are cracked and in dangerous condition.

Other items mentioned were the jogging path on Palisade Avenue by Wave Hill at Spaulding Lane. The problem with Independence Avenue where it splits into two different roadways at Kappock Street, but both streets are still named Independence Avenue even though they run parallel to each other, one below the other. It was said that this causes several problems with 911 calls, package delivery services, and other emergency and non-emergency matters. Residents of the two streets would like to have one of the two Independence Avenues at Kappock Street renamed. Since one is a private street A. Sandler said that an 'Opinion of Dedication' to the borough Presidents office must come from the community board where the street lies.

Chair Heller will move the issue with a letter per a letter from Councilman Cohen on the matter. Street lights at McLaughlin playground on Greystone Avenue street lights need to be repaired and A. Sandler will check into that issue.

J. Olivero the Eames Place SAPO applicant arrived who is connected to the Bethel Community Church. After a few questions the chair said that there was no quorum, the next meeting of the full board would be the Land Use Meeting on Thursday June 25th where the SAPO application would be voted on and asked Mr. Olivero to attend the June 25th Land Use Meeting.

Part of the street by the Russian Mission at West 255th Street between Fieldstone and Mosholu Avenues was said to have caved in, and A. Sandler is to check on this matter. It was said that the muni meters on business streets are not working or missing, and that they clog up or have small coin boxes to hold all the quarters. A. Sandler said that there is vandalism of the muni-meters, and according to the DOT if there is no working muni meter on a block any ticket will be dismissed. A speed bump for Sedgwick Avenue to slow down traffic was asked for, as was the Fort Independence/Heath Avenue triangle. It was said that Speed bumps/Humps are not placed on major roadways where city buses travel, and the triangle is to be looked at again by DOT. Vice-Chair Press brought up the traffic problem at PS 24 in the morning and at PM dismissal. School buses dropping off in the A.M. and picking up in the P.M. have to double park since cars are parked at the curb in the 'White Department of Education' no parking zone. He would like to change the white no parking to red no standing Bus loading Department of Education signs such as are on West 254th Street by P.S. 81. This is to be taken up in September when the new school year begins. Also mentioned was the improper repair of Cambridge Avenue by West 235th Street by the contractor for the DEP, and the markings that are missing on many streets that have to be repainted.

The next meeting will take place in September, date and time TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Robert Press.

Approved by Chairman Heller