

## BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

### MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2011, AT THE OFFICE OF BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Daniel Padernacht, Chair	CB8
Robert Press, Vice Chair	CB8
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
Robert Fanuzzi	CB8 Chair
Mike Heller	CB8
Maria Khury	CB8
Damian McShane	CB8
Pedro Reyes	CB8
Georgia Santiago	CB8
Andrew Sandler	representing Councilman G. Oliver Koppell

The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM.

CB8 member Georgia Santiago showed nine photos of Broadway between West 230th Street and West 232nd Street where water builds up on the sidewalk after heavy rains such as we have experienced this past few months. It is believed that this is caused by poor grading of the roadway or clogged sewer drains. Chair Padernacht along with the Environment & Sanitation Chair toured the area with board member Santiago. They will inquire into which agency is responsible to clean sewer grates and fix the grading of the street.

Old Business:

An issue of cars parking on West 256<sup>th</sup> Street, west of Arlington Avenue had been raised to the committee by residents of the single family home development on that street. The Riverdale Y owns the property on West 256<sup>th</sup> Street and Arlington Avenue where the cars in question are parking. The street outside of the Riverdale Y exit is a public street. The chair will reach out to the development asking if they would like a DOT study but will warn that DOT may request that sidewalks be placed on the street at the expense of the development.

Andrew Sandler of Council Member Koppell's office stated that DOT will do a study on the Independence corridor between West 232<sup>nd</sup> Street and West 246<sup>th</sup> Street. Chair Padernacht stated that he was with Commissioner Moran in spring of 2011 when DOT observed the intersection of west 235<sup>th</sup> Street and Independence Avenue. The chair stated, for informational purposes, that DOT did a study in 2009 and determined there was no need for a traffic light or stop sign at that intersection. The committee offered ideas for this intersection since it abuts a school. Such ideas included parking cards to allow for double parking for a few minutes and changing traffic on West 235<sup>th</sup> Street to a one-way street.

The traffic back up from the toll booths of the Henry Hudson Bridge to West 246<sup>th</sup> Street due to continued construction was discussed.

It was stated that the Bx 7 and Bx20 buses have a new schedule with longer wait times at the George Washington Bridge area that creates increased waiting time at West 231<sup>st</sup> Street. Chair to contact the MTA bus department.

The taxi stand on West 231<sup>st</sup> Street and Broadway was discussed. It was stated that the stand is for metered cabs and not the livery cabs. At times, some taxis back up to Bailey Avenue blocking legal metered parking spaces which may be affecting local businesses.

The new Manhattan College student center will bring more students to and from the upper campus across Manhattan College Parkway by Waldo Avenue. The committee will discuss further.

New Business:

The installation of sidewalks on Edgehill Avenue by West 231st Street was raised by a resident of the community. The street is partly paved and is for public use. Andrew Sandler of Councilman Koppell's office will set up a meeting with the residents.

It was stated that West 254<sup>th</sup> Street along Vinmont Park was repaved but no yellow line to designate a two-way street was painted yet. In addition, Broadway from Mosholu Avenue to Lakeview Avenue has no double yellow line separating north and southbound traffic after resurfacing weeks ago. The Chair will follow up.

Andrew Sandler spoke briefly about the new resident permit parking recently passed by the City Council which has gone to the state legislature for approval. Chair Padernacht will seek a speaker on this for the December meeting.

A presentation by DDC on the Cannon Place retaining wall project will occur in December.

It was reported that on Oxford Avenue, across from Tulfan Terrace, approximately 6-7 parking spaces have been designated by DOT as no parking from 7am-6pm. It was said that the spaces are not being used by the construction company, and the community residents are getting ticketed for parking there. Discussion will continue about construction parking.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Dan Padernacht  
Chairman  
Traffic & Transportation Committee