

## **BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**Minutes of the September 15, 2015**

### **Traffic and Transportation Committee held at Manhattan College, Fischbach Room**

Attendees, CB 8 Members: M. Heller, R. Press, J. O'Brien, G. Santiago, D. Fuchs, A. Creaney, Community Committee member - M. Joyce,

Public: Names to be recovered

The meeting was held at the Manhattan College School of Engineering Fischbach Room, and was called to order at 7:37 PM by Chairman Michael Heller. A quorum was not present so the minutes of the previous meeting were put off until there was a quorum present.

The Chair Report consisted of a letter about Cannon Place for DOT to install a speed bump. Said speed bump has been put off until the retaining wall work is completed, and Chair Heller read from a letter that the new owners of the Kingsbridge Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Home the Citadel Group who is in support of said speed bump. The previous owners had opposed the placement of a speed bump on Cannon Place by the home.

Chair Heller then opened the floor to comments which included requests for speed bumps on other roads, and that FIPNA is pleased to hear that the new owners are in favor of a speed bump on Cannon Place. Other concerns were that with the full opening of Riverdale Crossings and the West 230<sup>th</sup> Street mall of the added traffic on the Broadway corridor. A voice vote of the committee was in favor of a traffic study of the Broadway Corridor now.

Discussion moved to the West 231<sup>th</sup> Street eastbound bus stops with Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz saying that the Bx 1, 7, 10, and 20 buses that use to stop on the corner of West 231<sup>th</sup> Street and Irwin Avenue are now stopping due to construction of the new school on the corner closer to the West 231<sup>th</sup> and Tibbett Avenue corner. Assemblyman Dinowitz suggested instead of having bus stops eastbound on West 231<sup>th</sup> Street currently in the middle of Irwin and Tibbett Avenues and another in the middle of Corlear and Kingsbridge Avenues, that there be only one bus stop created eastbound between Tibbett and Corlear Avenues. It was said that out of service buses line the bus stop between Kingsbridge and Corlear Avenues which moves bus loading and unloading back to almost Corlear Avenue. Chair Heller mentioned that the #7 and 20 buses turn right on Kingsbridge Avenue, and that moving the current bus stop closest to the #1 subway line would be an additional distance from the station. There was a suggestion to move the current Eastbound #1, and 10 bus stop East of Broadway to the West side of Broadway, but that had no support. A quorum was now present and a vote of 6 – 1 – 0 for the MTA NYC Transit to look into moving the Eastbound #1,7,10, and 20 bus stops as mentioned. CB 8 committee members M. Heller, J. O'Brien, D. Fuchs, G. Santiago, A. Creaney with CCM member M. Joyce voting in favor, and CB 8 Committee member R. Press voting no.

Chair Heller explained why the street milling and then resurfacing takes so long between both operations since a contractor does the milling and the DOT does the paving, and the timing has gaps in between. He also briefly tried to explain how the DOT chooses what roadways to mill and repave, adding that CB 8 streets need more of an allotment. Vice-Chair Press mentioned that West 235<sup>th</sup> and West 236<sup>th</sup> Streets between Riverdale Avenue and the HHP have been milled, and not Riverdale Avenue between West 235<sup>th</sup> Street and the HHP. He added that one street was milled straight through while the other was not milled at the intersections with the cross streets.

The minutes of the June 2015 meeting were amended to add board member T. Creany to the attendance list and were accepted as amended unanimously 7 – 0 – 0 .

A SAPO application for the Annual Menorah Lighting at the West 239<sup>th</sup> Street/Riverdale Avenue Bell Tower site was moved by Chair Heller who said due to the fact that the applicant could not be present due to the timing of the meeting and the ending of the Jewish Holiday which ended at sundown. The SAPO application was approved by the committee unanimously 7 – 0 – 0.

Discussion went to the Bailey Place – Fort Independence Avenue triangle as local residents spoke of the dangers of crossing there. Chair Heller said that police statistics do not show the crossing as dangerous after being told of the many accidents that occur at the intersection. As to placement of speed bumps to slow down the traffic, A. Sandler of Councilman Cohen's office said it is a hill top intersection and that the DOT will not place speed bumps on hills or on bus routes which one of the streets is. A study of the intersection by DOT in 2014 with no changes, and Chair Heller said that he will put in for another study which can only be done two years after a previous one.

Other concerns of the community were the increase of traffic on local streets once BJ's finally opens in October, a crosswalk by the Orloff Avenue #10 bus stop, a yellow line on Albany Crescent where there is two way traffic between Bailey Avenue and 233<sup>rd</sup> Street, A hole in the sidewalk by a tree pit on West 238<sup>th</sup> Street by the new shopping center entrance, uneven stones in the tree pit in front of the Ale House, no trash cans at the Broadway and West 238<sup>th</sup> Street bus stop/subway exit. A. Sandler said that DSNY has said they are being stolen, illegal curb cuts on Irwin Avenue, A left turn signal northbound on Broadway at West 230<sup>th</sup> Street, better truck height marking signs on Broadway since trucks get stuck at least once a month, TA countdown clocks for buses- to which A. Sandler said the city is having delays citywide (the chair suggested using the MTA bus time app), Better sight for vehicles traveling on the reversed portion of Albany Crescent by West 231<sup>st</sup> Street, and the request for the chair to investigate the bus loading situation at PS 24 in the afternoon when school buses have to double park next to the school to pick up children.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Minutes submitted to Chair Heller by Vice-Chair Press.