MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2005 AT THE BOARD OFFICE, 5676 RIVERDALE AVENUE

PRESENT AFFILIATION

Jim O'Reilly CB #8 Committee Chair

Anthony Creaney

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CB #8

Philip Friedman

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Andrew Leroy Jones Community Resident

Meeting called to order at 7:06 PM.

A) Communications

- 1. Monday October 17th to Friday October 28 the Kappock street ramp of Henry Hudson Parkway will be closed to vehicular traffic.
- 2. Letter received from Community resident who is concerned about the recent change in parking restrictions on the south side of West 259th Street. Currently no parking 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday is in effect. The resident feels it is unnecessary and takes away Parking spots from the community.
- 3. Re steel work for elevator construction at 231st Street/Broadway starting Thursday, October 20th from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM. One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction. The work is scheduled to be completed by October 28th.

B) Old Business

The Department of Transportation responded to Traffic and Transportation's correspondence concerning traffic visibility at 227th Street and Independence Avenue. Their investigation revealed that legally parked cars on the west side of Independence Avenue restricts motorists visibility of pedestrians. They recommend that a "No Standing Zone" from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM including Sunday be installed for approximately five car lengths for improved visibility.

The Traffic and Transportation Committee is against the removal of these 5 parking spaces as there are not enough parking spots to accommodate the residents of this community.

This should be re-evaluated with ideas for a stop sign or blinking light, or something similar that would make the drivers slow down. Removing parking spots and clearing the road of parked cars will not help reduce the speed of cars but enhance it.

C) New Business

- 1. Another resident complained about large semi-trucks (18 wheelers) going through the streets of Tibbett Avenue, Corlear Avenue and Irwin Avenue. The trucks are from National Biscuit on 237th Street and Broadway. They come through the street as early as 6:00 AM, waking up residents.
- **2.** Resident complained of taxi's sitting and idling their cars on 254th Street between Broadway and Post Road.

Respectfully submitted,

James O'Reilly Chairman Traffic & Transportation Committee