

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 18, 2011
AT THE RIVERDALE TEMPLE**

PRESENT	AFFILIATION
Daniel Padernacht, Chair	CB8
Robert Press, Vice Chair	CB8
Nils Graham	CB8
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
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Mike Heller	CB8
Damian McShane	CB8
Pedro Reyes	CB8
Georgia Santiago	CB8
Meg Baker	
Analia Boltuch	
Dan Dennehy	Irish Community Leader
John Dunleavy	St. Patrick's Day Parade
Adam Sandler	representing Councilman G. Oliver Koppell
Ken Tierney	
Michael Moffatt	
Ann Garvey	
John Garvey	

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Dan Padernacht.

The Chair raised traffic issues that were presented to the committee about Independence Avenue between West 232nd Street and West 246th Street. The Chair announced that a letter was sent from Council Member Oliver Koppell, Assemblyman Jeffrey Dinowitz and State Senator Adriano Espaillat to Bronx DOT Commissioner Connie Moran in regards to that area. The letter was passed around to the committee. The chair said that the committee will review the letter and the situation.

CB8 member Pedro Reyes reported on the West 256th Street and Arlington Avenue in which local residents asked for No Parking signs on a part of the street. Andrew Sandler of Council Member Koppell's office said that the area in question could be owned by the Riverdale Y, even though a DOT sign is on the north side of the street that would be on the Y's property. The chair tabled this until official ownership of the street in question comes from the city.

A group of residents proposed a street renaming for Frank Durkan on Tibbett Avenue between West 238th Street and West 240th Street. Several individuals came before the committee to speak in support of the renaming for Mr. Frank Durkan who passed away

in November 2006. Mr. Durkan was a lawyer who did a lot of pro-bono work for community residents and was instrumental in his support of Gaelic Park. Since this item was not on the agenda, CB8 Board member Damian McShane made a motion to place the item on the agenda, which was seconded, and approved unanimously. The Chair accepted a book of recommendations from many people and organizations and the Chair explained that the full community board will have to vote to approve the street renaming at two meetings. From there it will go to the Council member's office to present the item to the City Council.

The committee received a complaint from a community resident about a blind curve by the Henry Hudson Park at Independence Avenue and West 227th Street. She said that she wrote to the DOT, and got an e-mail that a study would be done by September. She stated that she has yet to receive word back and was directed to Council Member Koppell's office. She came to the committee to advise the community board of the issue. Andrew Sandler of the Council Member's office said that he would check into this matter.

Victor Selzer a hiker questioned the paving of the Putnam Trail in Van Cortlandt Park. He said that the cyclist would endanger the walkers by speeding. The Chair advised Mr. Selzer that this issue was taken up at a previous CB 8 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting and that he should contact that committee in regards to the issue.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Padernacht
Chairman
Traffic & Transportation Committee