

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 2010, AT THE RIVERDALE YM/WHA  
5676 ARLINGTON AVENUE**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>AFFILIATION</b>
Daniel Padernacht	CB8
Sylvia Alexander	CB8
Bob Bender	CB8
Steve Catechis	CB8
Warren Dolny	CB8
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
Thomas Giallorenzi	CB8
Nils Graham	CB8
Mike Heller	CB8
Daniel Bent	
Arien Cervenie	
Peter Gouras	
N. Keppler Gouras	
Vick Kassey	
Cecila Kondell	
Deborah May	SAR
Gili Moran	SAR
Brendan McHugh	Riverdale Review
Joseph Parr	
Franz Paasche	
Len Tepper	
Katherine Valyi	

The Sidewalk Café application for Salvatore's of Soho was approved as well as the renewal for the sidewalk café permit for Burke Beal Bocht.

The Newsstand request for the Northwest corner of West 231<sup>st</sup> Street and Broadway was passed but referred to the Economic Development committee for comment on any effect the newsstand may have on local business.

Presently, alternate side of the street parking does not exist between 4534 Henry Hudson Parkway and Manhattan College Parkway as well as the street opposite thereto on the west side of Henry Hudson Parkway. The committee will recommend to the Department of Sanitation that such alternate side parking be placed on these streets to keep them clean. It was recommended that the committee reach out to the Synagogue on that street to recommend street cleaning times that will not interfere with any services.

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A legislative request to approve city wide change to the administrative code allowing cars to stand in the restricted area for alternate side parking until the sweeper approaches and then to allow parking after the sweeper leaves was tabled for further discussion. The committee would like to hear more information on how the enforcement of the street cleaning regulations will be implemented.

There was a lengthy discussion among board members and community members and representatives of SAR on various traffic and transportation issues on the following streets: West 254th Street between River Crest Road and Railroad Terrace; Palisade Avenue between West 254th Street and Ladd Road; Sycamore Avenue between West 252nd Street and West 254th Street; and the 5200, 5300 and 5400 blocks of Independence Avenue.

One of the items that were discussed is the lack of enforcement of present parking regulations which is permitting illegally parked cars to impede traffic flow and making it impossible at times for two way traffic or movement of emergency vehicles. The problems are most severe during drop-off and dismissal times or when there are activities (day, night and weekends) when parents and guests park illegally.

Some of the suggestions are to eliminate parking on the north side of 254 St., SAR to use shuttle busses to an off-site parking area as well as to hire a traffic engineer to figure out what has to be done.

The committee will refer the illegal parking on these streets to the 50<sup>th</sup> Pct and the NYC Traffic Division and ask that, given the safety concerns, these streets be monitored for illegal parking.

Vice chairman Warren Dolny was given the chair so that a resolution naming Giles Place as Howard E. Padernacht Place as well could be presented. It was passed with one abstention.

MTA Government and Community Affairs reported that the request to add a Bx 7A bus route on the route of the Bx 20 when it is not operating and take some service away from the Bx 7 to accomplish this was met with some success when NYC Buses thought it would merit consideration. They will report back some time in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Padernacht  
Chairman