

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2012 AT THE RIVERDALE YM/YWHA

The meeting opened at 7:35 by Chairman Dan Padernacht.

Mr. Roger Weld, Design Supervisor for the New York State Department of Transportation, reviewed his presentation of changing the Henry Hudson Parkway signage. This is being done for safety reasons as there will be increased visibility with the new reflective signs.

There had been discussion as to the removal of Riverdale Avenue from northbound Exit 22 and Mr. Weld had two alternatives that he presented. The first proposal was to have two independent, approximate 6' by 5' ground mounted signs, with one before exit 20 northbound and the other before Exit 22 northbound which would contain Riverdale Avenue. The second proposal was to have a larger, approximate 10' by 7' sign, before Exit 20 northbound to read Riverdale Avenue Exits 20 and 22.

Questions ensued as to what type, lighted or not, and exactly where the sign or signs would be placed. Chairman Padernacht asked what the timeline for the decision was as he wanted to make sure that this topic could be brought up at the next meeting of the North Riverdale Merchants Association who had concerns that taking off the Riverdale Avenue name from the signs at exit 22 would hurt the merchants. Mr. Weld said that the deadline was June 21st. Chairman Padernacht said that Mr. Weld would have the decision by the June 19th T & T committee meeting.

DDC did not show for the Bailey Place retaining wall project and the item was put off to the June meeting.

The Netherland Gardens Coop complained in a letter of problems with the neighboring Skyview Shopping Center of noise, health, air pollution and blocked access to their garage entrance. The Chair stated that noise from the trucks idling in the parking lot next to the coop and the noise from the old a/c unit of the supermarket seems to be an Environment & Sanitation committee issue. The garbage and rat infestation seems to be a Health Committee issue. The double and triple parking of delivery trucks blocking the access to the coop parking lot is an issue for this committee.

Vice Chair Robert Press visited the site earlier in the day and took pictures of trailers to the supermarket that were double parked at the time and of the unloading of trucks behind the store. There appeared to be little or no garbage on the sidewalk or street and the deli next to the supermarket that may have been a chief cause to the rat problem has closed. There was a truck delivering to the Kosher Supermarket at the other end of the shopping center that was double parked but a lane of traffic was able to go through. The supermarket and management agent for the shopping center will be asked to attend a future meeting to see if the coop problems can be resolved.

Old Business:

Chairman Padernacht reported that SHPO has stated that the removal of the upper roadway walkway of the HHP Bridge will have no impact on the bridges historical aspect.

Andrew Sandler from Councilman Koppel's office said that the latest letter to CB 8 on the Safe Route to Transit project on Broadway no longer includes West 242nd Street.

New Business:

There was mention of a longer headway on the # 3 MTA express bus.

Board member Pedro Reyes mentioned that at the Bailey Place retaining wall project signs have gone up as well as No Parking Anytime due to construction. In addition, there is no construction at night when the parking spots are needed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Minutes submitted by Robert Press Vice-Chair.