

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8,  
Traffic and Transportation Committee  
Minutes of October 19, 2016 Meeting**

Committee Attendance:

M. Heller  
D. Fuchs  
E. Bell  
A. Creaney  
S. Alexander  
G. Santaigo  
H. Young  
S. Sarao  
J. O'Brien

Non-Committee Board Attendance:

David Gellman  
Lisa Daub  
Tao Moran

Guests:

Connie Moran – Bronx Commissioner DOT  
Lisa Herndon - Riverdale Press  
Joshua Stephenson – Councilman Cohen  
Cristina Lang – Senator Klein  
Debra May – SAR Academy  
Sacha Jocy - resident  
Aggie & David Kagleman- resident  
Robert Schwartz- resident  
Jonathan Bornstein- resident  
Lisa Weiss- resident  
Hanne Nielson- resident  
Mose Competa- resident  
Marion & Marshall Novack  
Judah & Gail Schorr- resident  
Yael Mastin- resident  
Henry Pollack- resident  
Asher Lopatin- resident  
Dana & Saul Terlitsky- resident  
Adrienne Goldfedder- resident  
John Lee- resident  
Deborah Shapira- resident  
Sacha Jolly- resident

The meeting opened at 7:40 PM. The September 2016 minutes were reviewed. The Committee approved unanimously.

**SAPO** – Menorah Lighting Ceremony, Religious Event, full street closure on 12/25/2016, 3 pm – 6 pm on West 239 street between Riverdale Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway. The event has been held previously.

Jonathan Bornstein, representing Rabbi Shemtov, spoke on behalf of the application. He described the history of the event, how it runs smoothly and poses no disruption to the community. A resolution was offered in support by Chair Heller – passed unanimously. M. Heller, D. Fuchs, S. Alexander, G. Santaigo, H. Young, S. Sarao, J. O'Brien 7-0-0.

**West 254 Sidewalk** - Mr. Heller said the meeting would be dedicated to a discussion of the feasibility of installing a contiguous sidewalk on West 254 street, so that pedestrians walking toward the Riverdale Metro North Hudson line Station could have a safe walk. Right now there is a sidewalk only adjacent to several properties. SAR Academy. Is in the process of having engineers and architects examine the method by which a sidewalk can be built adjacent to the school.

Bronx DOT Commissioner Connie Moran led the discussion as to methods by which a sidewalk can be built. DOT has the ability to issue violations to homeowners that have not built sidewalks, but that is not the best option to pursue. Essentially each homeowner has the ability to hire contractors to submit plans to DOT for approval, upon which the contractor can be hired to install the sidewalk. The possible alternative is for DOT to install the sidewalks when they are in the Bronx for such purposes, and back charge each homeowner for the cost of the installation.

Discussion involved audience members asking a variety of legal and technical questions as to how the various options would be implemented. The general consensus was that it would make sense for DOT to do the installations, as they have the technical expertise, installations would be consistent in design, and homeowners have no experience or expertise in implementing such projects.

To move forward, Ms. Moran said the best course of action would be to conduct a walking tour from the top to the bottom of the street to see conditions, impediments, encroachments and how various barriers would have to be worked around (editor's note – Ms. Moran retired before the tour could be conducted, and her successor Nivardo Lopez has been asked to pick the project up in spring. This will be followed up upon).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2016. Location TBD.

Minutes submitted by Michael Heller.