

PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Minutes of the October 20, 2015

**Traffic and Transportation Committee held at Riverdale Mental Health Center
Conference Room**

Attendance

Michael Heller
Robert Press
Sylvia Alexander
Anthony Creaney
Daniella Fuchs
Joe O'Brien
Georgia Santiago
Steven Sarao
Herb Young
Myra Joyce
Lenore Croft
Amy Joy Robateau
Andrew Sandler

Affiliation

Committee Chair
Committee Vice-Chair
Committee member
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Community Committee member
Community Board 8
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Councilman Andrew Cohen's office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Heller at 7:34 PM, and a quorum was not present yet so the adoption of the previous meeting minutes was put off until there was a quorum present.

The chair reported that the West 235/236 Street pedestrian overpass of the Henry Hudson Parkway is having a lead paint removal process that has residents living near the pedestrian overpass complaining about the night work being done. The chair noted that the work is almost done, and that the pedestrian bridge was placed on the budget priority list for reconstruction due to other problems. The 2016 resurfacing street list will be sent to the committee members for review.

With a quorum now present the minutes of the September meeting were approved as presented by a vote of 8 – 0 – 0 with committee members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, A. Creaney, J. O'Brien, G. Santiago, H. Young, and Community Committee Member M. Joyce voting in favor.

The chair continued his report giving an update on the proposed change of the West 231st Street bus stop placement for the # 1, 7, 10, and 20 buses between Riverdale and Kingsbridge Avenues. On October 27th there will be a site inspection with the MTA, and a report will be given at the November committee meeting.

Discussion of the Bronx Ale House 216 West 238th Street Sidewalk Cafe renewal application ensued with the question of adequate sidewalk space with the outdoor seating area. The chair said that there was ample room or the application would not have been approved the first time. The vote was 9 – 0 – 0 with committee members M. Heller, R. Press, S. Alexander, A. Creaney, D. Fuchs, J. O'Brien, G. Santiago, H. Young, and Community Committee Member M. Joyce voting in favor.

As for the stop sign and crosswalk marking request for West 232nd Street and Fairfield Avenue Councilman Cohen's office has requested a traffic study.

As for the speed hump request on Waldo Avenue between West 238th Street and Manhattan College Parkway the chair explained the DOT process. A study of the traffic speed is done, bus service routes on the street, curb cuts, and even other criteria when placing speed humps on streets. It was noted that there is a steep slope on this part of Waldo Avenue. The subject of a speed hump on Eames place by West 195th Street and Webb Avenue (near the school and library) was brought up, and the chair will check the site.

Other matters included the West 238th Step Street from Waldo Avenue to Irwin Avenue as to the work on the buildings by Waldo Avenue and the scaffolding that was erected blocking the handrails. Lack of lane markings on various streets, one low stop sign, no double yellow lines or faded ones at West 225th Street on Kingsbridge Road and Broadway. The West 254th Street sidewalk proposal will be looked at by the chair and Andrew Sandler of Councilman Cohen's office. They will check with the homeowners and SAR school.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Robert Press to Committee Chair Michael Heller.