

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**

**MINUTES OF THE TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD AT THE RIVERDALE YM-YWHA  
JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2013**

**PRESENT**

Daniel Padernacht  
Robert Press  
Sylvia Alexander  
Bob Bender  
Andrew Cohen  
Tony Creaney  
Margaret Donato  
Arlene Feldmeier  
Anthony Fella  
Maria Khury  
Karen Pesce  
Georgia Santiago  
I.W. Stone  
Daniel Johnson  
Andrew Sandler  
James Langstine

**AFFILIATION**

CB8, Committee Chair  
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rep. Assemblyman Dinowitz  
rep. Councilman Koppell  
Bronx Ale House

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dan Padernacht at 7:04 PM when a quorum was present.

The committee reviewed the revocable consent application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for the Bronx Ale House located at 218 West 238<sup>th</sup> Street. The revocable consent would go from September 15, 2013 through March 15, 2015.

James Langstine appeared on behalf of the applicant and he was accompanied by his architect. The hours of operation will be 11 AM (except Sunday 12 PM) until midnight. Nine tables with 18 seats are listed on the application and there will be metal railings around the chairs and tables. Smoking is prohibited in the sidewalk café.

The owner has an interest in three other locations (outside of CB 8) of which one has a sidewalk cafe, one does not because of a bus shelter in front, and the third has an application in process. The architect stated he has done hundreds of sidewalk applications and there was nothing special or different about this location.

When asked about complaints at the Ale House, it was said that there has been only one noise complaint and the police have been called for two or three disputes in the past four years due to inebriated customers not wanting to leave. There were no arrests.

The vote was 13 - 0 - 0 with committee members S. Alexander, B. Bender, A. Cohen, A. Creaney, M. Donato, A. Feldmeier, A. Fella, M. Khury, D. Padernacht, K. Pesce, R. Press, G. Santiago, and I.W. Stone in favor.

Three separate Street Activity Permits (SAPO) for events held last year were on the agenda but no representatives from the three SAPO applications were present. It was then discovered that only the Chairman Dan Padernacht received copies of the SAPO applications from the Board office. Hence, committee members had no opportunity to view the applications beforehand. Chairman Padernacht read the applications and then asked the committee to lay over the application for the Menorah Lighting Ceremony to the September meeting. The Chairman's application was passed 13 – 0 – 0.

The other two applications were Reaching Out to the Community Religious Event being held on Eames Place and the El Camino a Dios Religious event being held on Jacobus Place. Both events were scheduled for August 24. After discussion, Chairman Padernacht asked for a motion to approve, approve with conditions, or deny one or both SAPO applications. Hearing no objections, he then made a motion to approve with a friendly amendment by committee member K. Pesce that both applicants speak to the T&T chairman. The amended motion passed 13 – 0 – 0.

A question of a pedestrian accident in front of the board office had to be taken up after the meeting which was adjourned at 7:35 as the Land Use meeting was starting.

Dan Padernacht  
Chair  
Traffic & Transportation Committee