

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8

Traffic and Transportation Committee

Minutes of February 23, 2017

Riverdale Mental Health Association, 2nd Floor Conference Room

Committee Attendance:

M. Heller
D. Fuchs
M. Donato
N. Friedman
G. Santaigo
J. O'Brien
M. Joyce, Community committee member

Absent:

S. Alexander
E. Bell
A. Creaney
S. Sarao

Non-Committee Board Attendance:

Chairman CB8, Dan Padernacht

Guests:

Shirley Shapiro, community resident
Edward Nolan, Transportation Alternatives
Nadeen Kazi, community resident
Michael Sullivan, community resident
Chad Haller, community resident
Margaret Della, KHCC
Martin Zelnick RCC
Anne DiLucca, FIPNA
Jordan Moss, FIPNA
Robert Press, Bronx Voice
Andrea Castano, representing Assemblyman Dinowitz
Christina Lang, representing Senator Klein
Josh Stevenson, representing Councilman Cohen

The meeting opened at 6:20 PM. The January 2017 minutes were reviewed. Community Committee member Myra Joyce pointed out her name was omitted on the resolutions, which was added. The Committee approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report: The CB resurfacing list for FY 2018 presented to NYCDOT was distributed for review. The process by which DOT selects lanes to be resurfaced was discussed. Also the prior meeting attendance by NYCT was reviewed.

SAPO applications:

Be it Resolved:

- 1) The Traffic and Transportation Committees votes to approve Lag B'omer Picnic Block Party with full street closure on May 14, 2017, to be held on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue. This event has been held previously. Passed unanimously 6-0-0. M. Heller, J. O'Brien, N. Friedman; D. Fuchs, G. Santiago, M. Joyce
- 2) The Traffic and Transportation Committees votes to approve Riverdale Run with full street closure on May 14, 2017, to be held on Riverdale Avenue between West 256 Street and West 254 Street. This event has been held previously. This event has been held previously. Passed unanimously 6-0-0. M. Heller, J. O'Brien, N. Friedman; D. Fuchs, G. Santiago, M. Joyce
- 3) Traffic and Transportation Committee votes to support the Kingsbridge Heights Community Festival, full street closure, May 6, 2017, to be held on Kingsbridge Terrace between Summit Place and Perot Street, This event has been held previously. Passed unanimously 6-0-0. M. Heller, J. O'Brien, N. Friedman; D. Fuchs, G. Santiago, M. Joyce

Heath Avenue and Fort Independence Street:

Rep of KHCC Margaret Della: Described her view of traffic danger in the area. Also mentioned intersection of Heath and Kingsbridge Terrace same safety problems as dangerous. Reiterated by Jordan Moss. Chairman Padernacht offered up a resolution for traffic control measures in the vicinity. Mentioned recent press conference in area sponsored by elected officials. Crosswalks need restriping. Entire stretch of Fort Independence Street needs to be reviewed. CB will push the issue with DOT. Tom Durham mentioned similar situation at Manhattan College Parkway and Waldo Avenue.

Insert of Resolution to be added

Request for left turning lane Riverdale Avenue and west 259 Street:

Shira Shapiro: Outlined her views of dangers at the intersection, difficulty to make safe left turn toward Skyview and SAR school. She delivered a petition to the chair. Mr. Heller gave some background on the issue and request for a stop sign by the school. This however is a new request not "on the table." We will have to discuss further.

Resolution regarding Broadway Bridge renovation:

Mr. Heller discussed the issue and the recent weekend diversion due to MTA work on Broadway Bridge. He said he would watch to see how things go on week two. The following resolution was offered:

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NYCDOT REHABILITATION
OF THE BROADWAY BRIDGE

Whereas, the maintenance of public infrastructure is of vital importance to our community and the nation at large, and;

Whereas, the Broadway Bridge is an essential link between the Bronx and Manhattan, providing a major roadway, bus service and rapid transit link on the NYCT IRT #1 line, and;

Whereas, the Broadway Bridge is a large, complicated road and rail lift bridge that must be able to reliably rise for tall marine traffic and return locked in place without any delays, and;

Whereas, the bridge as currently configured was placed in service in the early 1960's, and now requires overhaul of many components; and;

Whereas, the current schedule plans for work to begin in April 2018 and require 36 months to fully complete, and;

Whereas, the project will at specific times cause major roadway and transit diversions requiring close cooperation, with public agencies, community leaders, elected officials and community based organizations in order to minimize impacts, therefore,

Be it Resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves this project, urges that federal, state and local funding be made available, and that NYCDOT and its contractors craft a robust publicity campaign at the appropriate time and take every possible measure to minimize impacts on the public.

Passed unanimously 6-0-0. M. Heller, J. O'Brien, N. Friedman; D. Fuchs, G. Santiago, M. Joyce

New Business:

Committee member O'Brien spoke about difficulty during subway diversion.

Margaret Della spoke about speed in Summit Place and KB Terrace area. Asked for additional traffic controls. Can parking be restricted during drop off times?

Discussion of Broadway Bridge reconstruction new surface, protected bike lanes.

Discussion of traffic issues at new mall, 230 street and Broadway.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting, Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Location to be determined.

Minutes submitted by,

Michael Heller, Chair, Traffic & Transportation Committee