

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8, Traffic and Transportation Committee

Minutes of January 19, 2016 Meeting

Committee Attendance:

M. Heller, Committee Chair
R. Press, Committee Vice Chair
S. Alexander, Committee member
J. O'Brien, Committee member
S. Sarao, Committee member
H. Young, Committee member
M. Joyce Community Committee member

Committee Absences:

A. Creaney
D. Fuchs
G. Santiago

Guests:

J. Folloro, KB Heights Community Center
A. Chapman, Chair, KB Heights NIA
E. Thompson, KBNIA
J. DeSio, Office of the Bronx BP
D. Ranells, TA Bronx, neighborhood resident
J. Crespo, neighborhood resident
E. Bell, community resident
C. Stanton, PS 24 PA

The meeting was held at the board office, and was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chair M. Heller, with a quorum was present.

The Chair gave his report which included his call for a further survey of riders at the two West 231st Street #1, 7, 10, and 20 bus stops at Riverdale Avenue and Kingsbridge Avenue. There is a proposal to consolidate the two bus stops into one since they are less than two blocks apart. The Chair may consider holding another public hearing since the West 231st Street subway station is the only Bronx #1 station that is handicap accessible. Consolidating the two bus stops would increase the distance from the #1 subway over one block, and the chair wants to make sure to give everyone who has a comment a chance to voice it.

The minutes were accepted as amended to correct the initial of A. Dinowitz in the attendance to J. Dinowitz. The vote was 7 – 0 – 0 with members Heller, Press, Alexander, O'Brien, Sarao, Young, and CCM Joyce in favor.

SAPO applications –

1 - Kingsbridge Heights Festival August 27, 2016 on Reservoir Avenue between Webb Avenue to West 231st Street. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 9 AM – 6 PM.

2 - Kingsbridge Heights Community Festival Block Party, April 16th on Kingsbridge Terrace, between Perot Street and Summit Place. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 9 AM – 5 PM.

3 - Israeli Independence Day Street Festival, May 12, 2016 on Netherland Avenue between West 236th Street and the Henry Hudson Parkway service road. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 12 – 9 PM.

4 - Bronx Week Food and Arts Festival, May 15, 2016 on Mosholu Parkway between Bainbridge Avenue and Van Cortlandt Avenue East. The event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 12 – 8 PM. There was discussion on this application that the event was entirely in Community Board 7, but Van Cortlandt Avenue East may be the borderline of the two community boards.

5 - Springfest block party, June 8, 2016 on West 235th Street between Independence and Douglas Avenues. This event has taken place before. The street will be closed from 3 – 10 PM.

A motion to approve all five applications was approved. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4, were approved 7 – 0 – 0 with members Heller, Press, Alexander, O'Brien, Sarao, Young, and CCM Joyce in favor. On Item 5 Springfest The vote was 6 - 0 -1 with Vice Chair Press abstaining for cause.

Renewal of the license for Kingsdale Taxi Dispatch -

The Chair read a letter from the company 10 parking spaces in 3014 Riverdale Avenue. A discussion came up about the site, and Vice-Chair Press asked that it be given to the Chair of the Land Use Committee for further investigation. The matter was laid over by Chair Heller.

New Business -

E. Thompson asked about Eames Place where a child from PS 307 was run over accidentally. She said that the former two way street is one way, and that cars back up on Eames Place now from University Avenue to Claffin Avenue. She asked that the street be made back into a two way street, adding that a stop sign is needed at Eames and Webb Avenue. Ms. Thompson also asked that a speed hump be placed on Webb Avenue to slow down traffic by the school. The Chair explained the process of speed humps/bumps and will look into the matter. He added that slow zones may no longer be needed with the new 25 MPH citywide speed limit. The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 16th at a location to be determined. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Minutes submitted by Vice-Chair Press to Chair Heller.