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Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 13, 2014

Meeting began at 6:40 pm and was held in the 3rd floor conference room. The meeting was chaired by Hon. Karen Horry, Acting Chair.

Committee members in attendance: Melvin Christian, Maria Garcia, Lupe Moreno, Barbara Nelson and Stephanie Howze. Daniel Clark and Deborah Gilliard, Chair were excused. Henrietta Lyle, Manuel Rivera, Brian Benjamin, Daniel Parcerisas

Guests in attendance: Karen Martin (NYC TLC), Justine Johnson (NYC TLC), Julius Tajiddin (Preserve Harlem's Legacy), Josh Orzeck (NYC DOT), J.P. Partland, Paul Hersh, Brad Taylor (CB9), Johnathan Kahn (The North Star Neighborhood Association), (Transportation Alternatives), 32nd Precinct Community Affairs and Traffic Division

I. **NYC DOT Updates Presented by Community Liaison Josh Orzeck**
   a. **Outdated Parking Signage – 145th Street Corridor** – NYC DOT provided a listing of parking signage for review along with their recommendations for the following:

Edgecombe Avenue to Bradhurst Avenue
Westbound/North Side: No Parking 8-8:30 AM Monday & Thursday (Alternate Side)
Eastbound/South Side: No Parking 7:30-8 AM Tuesday & Friday (Alternate Side)

Bradhurst Avenue to Frederick Douglass Blvd
Westbound/North Side: No Parking 9:30-11AM Monday & Thursday (Alternate Side), then No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading 7AM-4PM Monday-Friday (Deals discount Store)
Eastbound/South Side: No Parking 7-10AM Except Sunday* - note there is also a Pathmark on this block**

Frederick Douglass Blvd to Adam C. Powell, Jr. Blvd
Westbound/North Side: No Parking 9:30-11AM Monday & Thursday (Alternate Side), then a Bus Stop at Frederick Douglass Blvd.
Eastbound/South Side: Bust Stop at Frederick Douglass Blvd. then No Parking 7-10AM Except Sunday* plus No Parking Anytime (churches) then another bus stop at Adam Clayton

Adam C. Powell, Jr. Blvd. to Lenox Avenue
Westbound/North Side: Bus Stop at Lenox Avenue, then No Parking 9:30-11AM Monday & Thursday (Alternate Side)
Eastbound/South Side: No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading 7AM-7PM Except Sunday – for supermarket at Adam Clayton Powell Blvd to help traffic safety on ACP, then No Parking 7-10AM Except Sunday*

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*No Parking 7-10AM Except Sunday is a standard morning rush hour regulation. Upon Community Board request, DOT is willing to investigate whether it's feasible to replace these regulations with alternate side parking. However, the CB should consider that there will be more double-parking on that particular block. For example, as you get closer to Lenox Avenue, double-parking may impede traffic flow to the Bronx.

**If the CB supports removing the No Parking 7-10AM Except Sunday regulations at this location, the Pathmark will likely need a Loading Zone for their deliveries

Outcome: The Committee will reach out to community organizations to assess needs for updated signage with respect to improved safety and quality of life and then provide letters of support for warranted changes.

b) **Process On Speed Bumps** – In response to a community request for information on speed bump placement on streets NYC DOT provided guidelines for the application process and surrounding factors that must be considered. (Please see attached).

c) **Mount Morris Park West –** NYC DOT advised that they are continuing to make changes in response to community concerns. Travel and parking lanes have been widened, signals have been installed and a traffic signal study will be conducted in the spring for additional signals.

Outcome: Committee has asked NYC DOT to provide a list of changes made in response to community concerns and studies that are being undertaken with respect to alternatives to current street redesign.

d) **SBS M60 Update** – The elimination of bus stops on this route remains an on-going concern in the community that NYC DOT has not efficiently addressed. The issue is not that the SBS M60 is ADA compliant but rather that access to the bus stops are equally accessible to all residents without undue hardship. The M60 is the only bus that continues into Queens and on to LaGuardia Airport.

Outcome: The Committee will seek the support of local elected officials.

II. **5-Boro Taxi –** Taxis can be pre-arranged or hailed from the street in Manhattan above 96th Street and W. 110th Street, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island. Boro taxis can drop off passengers anywhere in the city. Boro taxis are prohibited from picking up hailing passengers in Manhattan below E. 96th Street and W. 110th Street , as well as at LaGuardia, JFK and Newark airports. Area pick up stands can be requested

online. Stands will be installed with support of NYC DOT around the city. The Committee is concerned that out of 141 livery bases issued permits, only 3 are located in the Harlem area. Permits are available for 500 bases. A total of 18,000 permits will be issued over 3 years. 6,000 permits were issued as of November 18th, 2013. Another 6,000 will be issued in 2014.

Outcome: The Committee recommends that the new mayoral administration's position on the 5-Boro taxi Program be inclusive of community input at the outset. The process for engagement will be determined. TLC will return in 3-4 months for follow-up. NYPD Community Affairs also invited to return for their input.

III. **Resolution on Morningside Avenue Update** –CB10 is extremely concerned about the community voices expressing the need for the implementation of safety measures on Morningside Avenue as soon as possible. Both Community Boards 9 and 10 object to reducing the lanes and NYC DOT is working on a new street redesign plan that the agency advises will be ready in March or April. CB10 suggests that if Morningside Avenue is an unsafe street and incidents are occurring as a result of the traffic, NYC Dot should implement temporary safety improvements immediately. These safety measures can be in the form, of stop signs, flashing warning lights, police enforcement, altering of the current timing of the lights, speed bumps, etc. In view of the problems presented by other street redesigns in the CB10 area the Committee voted on the following motion:

Outcome: The PRT Committee motioned to not proceed with the proposed resolution to support the NYC DOT street redesign for Morningside Avenue-Hancock Place until the revised proposal reflecting alternate designs promised by NYC DOT is received in March or April.

The Committee voted 8 in favor with 1 abstention.

IV. **Bicycle Lanes –**The Committee initiated a discussion with respect to exploration of instituting a bicycle study as an outgrowth of the Morningside/Hancock Place issue. Factors to be taken into consideration entailed such concerns as route preference with respect to major streets vs. residential streets and safe, responsible planning, employing optimal traffic engineering.

Voting Items:

1. **111th Street Lot Garden – Letter of Support**

Outcome: Committee voted 8 in favor, 0 opposition and 0 abstentions

Committee moved to hold Executive Session on topic of Conflict of Interest.

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.