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Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Hon. Raquel Vazquez, Chair
Hon. Gregory C. Baggett, Vice-Chair
Hon. Keith Taylor, Vice-Chair

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT

Raquel Vazquez
Gregory Baggett
Keith Taylor
Karen Horry
John Lynch
Lashanda Myers
Barbara Nelson
Ebony Mason

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Clark, unexcused
Troy Gethers, unexcused
Tiffany Reeves, unexcused

GUESTS PRESENT

Malcolm Barksdale, resident-at-large
Edward LeNelle, resident-at-large
Michelle Grady, resident-at-large
Lyle Blackwood, DOT, community liaison
Hayden Benjamin; DOT, BCPR4
Connor Dawson, Thornton Tomasetti with FOT
Shari Tork; Kaurle Management, with DOT
Gary Macio, NYC DDC
Mohammed Hogue, NYC DDC
Aleksandar Rajic, NYC DDCTH
Marsha Hudson, Lenox Terrace TA

Edward Drew, Lenox Terrace,
Elizabeth Harper, Lenox Terrace TA
GUESTS PRESENT (cont'd)
Patricia Murphy; Save Harlem Now
Valerie Jo Bradley, Save Harlem Now
Roberta Washington, Save Harlem Now
Elizabeth Dunn, Astor Row LPC applicant
Diane Pinkston, Malikah's Keeper
Malakty Maush (sp), Five-Percenters

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm, followed by welcoming remarks and introductions.

TRANSPORTATION PRESENTATIONS

DOT School Safety Presentation Concerning Street and Sidewalk Repairs at three intersections near public schools PS 92 and PS 75: St. Nicholas and 129 Street; St. Nicholas and 135 Street; and Lenox Avenue and 135 Street. Mr. Connor Dawson, presenter.

As part of the ongoing Vision Zero Initiative and based on crash data, the agency is planning to construct pedestrian ramps that will shorten the distance of the pedestrian crossing, slow-down vehicle turns, increase visibility for students pedestrians, and drivers. The crossings will be made ADA compliant with new curb cuts and leveling.

Community Concerns: cobblestones removed; additional school within the catchment area is not listed in agency presentation; catch basins at 135 and 137 Street; air quality and noise during the construction.

Timeline: Design, August 2020; Construction, 2 years beginning summer 2021

Citibike Workshop. Mr. Lyle Blackwood, presenter.

DOT plans to expand its Citibike program to West 155 Street. The agency is hosting workshops to get community input and have a conversation about placement of bikes throughout the community district.

The workshop will be held on October 17, 2019.

Discussions regarding bike lanes and biker safety were not planned to be discussed at this workshop.

Community Concerns: workshop conflicts with CB10 public hearing; outreach efforts; and congestion

West 135th Street Distinctive Sidewalks, Mr. Lyle Blackwood, presenter

Various parties including property owners, block association, business owners, community stakeholders, DOT, EDC, and elected officials have been working to repair the distinctive sidewalks along 135 Street between St. Nicholas and Lenox Avenue. There has been walkthroughs and meetings held with the hope of reaching a solution. Fines against property owners have been deferred until a resolution is reached.

Next Steps: speak with Charles Powell, Greater Harlem Chamber to negotiate new maintenance agreement; get mayor's involved.

Big L Way, Street Co-Naming Application, 140 Street and Lenox Avenue, northwest corner.

Mural at the location makes the site a nexus for international tourism.

Next Steps: signatures needed; presenter will return to committee once application is complete.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND LANDMARKS PRESENTATIONS

Lenox Terrace Association of Concerned Tenants. Ms. Elizabeth Harper, Ms. Marsha Hudson, and Mr. Edward Drew, presenters.

Update on Lenox Terrace application to LPC for landmark designation within the backdrop of the rezoning application from R7 to C62.

Wants to explore progressive community-based planning in lieu of the rezoning application.

Buildings on the site did not meet the LPC standard for preservation, but the presenters want to pursue their application on the basis of cultural significance.

Next Steps: public hearings and general vote.

Historic Preservation Plan, Resolutions on Future Historic Districts TABLED

Elizabeth Drew will prepare a resolution supporting her LCP application for landmark designation of the entire block known as Astor Row.

Next Steps: plan a special meeting to focus creating proposed historic districts as well as new historic district.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts Committee will have a float in the Holiday Lights Celebration along 125 Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting introduced by Hon. Gregory Baggett. Motion seconded by Eboni Mason. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.