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**Transportation, Historic Preservation,
And Landmarks Committee**

Monday, March 12, 2018 – 6:30 p.m.

Hon. Raquel Vazquez, Chair

Hon. Lisa Downing & Hon. Maurice Sessoms, Vice-Chairs

Committee Members Present: Lisa Downing; Raquel Vazquez, Chair; Karen Horry; Aarian Punter; Crystal Shipp; Board Members Present: John Lynch; Stanley Gleaton; Cicely Harris

Absent/Excused: Daniel Clark (Unexcused); (Unexcused); Seitu Jemel Hart (Unexcused); Derrick Graham (Excused) Maurice Sessoms (Excused); Keith Taylor (Excused); Troy Gethers (Unexcused)

MEETING MINUTES

The meeting started at 6:45 pm.

• **Harlem Bike Network**

The committee reviewed the resolution concerning the DOT proposed Harlem Bike Network. Many residents came to the committee meeting who still had concerns regarding the proposed initiative presented at the Special Meeting held in March 5th 2018.

Residents from the 128th Street Block Association were present at the meeting and reiterated their concerns about how the proposed bike lane would negatively impact their street currently comprised of churches, a school, a shelter and a half-way house. These residents felt blindsided by this proposed initiative and felt that proper outreach and communication as purported by DOT, *did not* occur on their block. Residents wanted to know, *“How did these bike lanes come into existence?”*

According to residents, given the commercial nature of their street with delivery trucks that deliver to the school, Access a Ride that transports seniors to church and the extensive double parking that takes place on the block during various church services, that a bike network and implementation of bike lanes disrupts the natural order of activity on the block. Residents are angry and are seeking more information re: processes and decision-making. There is strong opposition from this 128th street block contingent. Residents requested more communication, information-sharing and education on these top down initiatives so that moving forward there is more community input and shared decision-making.

The Committee discussed moving forward with the first phase of the network which is extends from West 110th to West 111th streets with the condition that letters from the Block Associations on West 110th and West 111th streets be provided.

The Committee decided to table a vote until letters of support from the block associations of 110th and 111th street for the first phase of implementation be provided.

One committee member was concerned that yet instill there was not enough outreach done in the community in the form of a Charrettes to educate and inform people as to what the proposed initiative was about as well as the limited participation in the recently held Special Meeting held to discuss the topic.

The District office will work more diligently to engage in more outreach in the community particularly in the large housing developments with respect to notices and events. However at the same time, with Harlem changing at such a rapid pace, it is the responsibility of the community residents to get involved and build the capacity of their tenant's organizations and get involved.

- **Jane's Walk May 2018**

The Committee intends to participate in Jane's walk sponsored by Municipal Arts Society (MAS) this spring. The dates are May 4th thru May 6th 2018. The committee has requested the John T Reddick, a noted architect and Harlem Historian be the lead tour guide for this year's tour. Mr. Reddick was recently awarded the Columbia University Community Scholar Award.

- **110 West 123rd Street – Mount Morris Park Historic District**

As a follow up to the February meeting, the Chair was able to share with the Committee information learned from LPC with regards to what transpired between the developer of the above referenced project and LPC with regards to yet another change in design *after* the community provided a letter of support. LPC communicated to the committee that LPC required the development team to re-present the project to CB10 since modifications happened to the plans since the development team initially submitted their application to LPC in December 2017. These modifications were described as standard within the LPC review process.

The Committee voted of common consent to approve the new design 4 yes 1 no.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm