

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 6th 2015

Committee Members Present: Wanda Garcia (Asst Chair), Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Mary Anderson (Public Member)

Committee Members Excused: Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Yahaira Alonzo, Teriel Peters

CB12 Members: Maria Luna

CB12 Staff: Deborah Blow

Public: Richard DePietro (Port Authority Police), Ed Smith (Port Authority Police), Matt Delaney (FDNY), Tim Carroll (FDNY), Neil Halpin (FDNY), Heather Butts (Healthy Youths), Jim Caran (FDNY), Edward Esan (FDNY), Josh Raeben (FDNY), Michael Murray (FDNY), Glenn Perry (FDNY), Tyler Schulz (FDNY), Nicholas T. Schneider (FDNY), Patrick Carley (FDNY), Dan Baruffaldi (FDNY), Brian Flood (FDNY), Matt McCurdy (FDNY), Michael Tubens (FDNY), Robert McKee (FDNY), Jon Siegler (FDNY), Stephen Brady (FDNY), John Holzapfer (FDNY), Jim Coakley (FDNY), Wan Meade (FDNY), John Luongo (FDNY), Matt Nolen (FDNY), Jared Wutz (FDNY), Lelis Rosario (FDNY) John Dwyer (FDNY), Terrance Keeby (FDNY), Martin Collins.

1. Proposed street co-naming for FF John P. Sullivan of Ladder 34 of square block bordered at the South by 161st Street, to the West by Amsterdam Avenue, to the East by St. Nicholas Avenue and to the North by the intersection of W162nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue. FF John Delaney gave a presentation of Sullivan's life and what he meant to the firehouse. He served for 27 years and was very involved in 9/11. He also did contributed considerably to community service. He died on December 24, 2010 of cancer.

Vote on resolution to approve proposal:

Committee members 4-0-0

Public 13-0-0

2. Proposed street co-naming for fallen Port Authority Police Officer, Bruce Reynolds to be named Bruce Reynolds Way at Park Terrace near 215th Street. Heather Butts, co-founder of H.E.A.L.T.H., presented and spoke of Reynolds involvement in 9/11, of the youth program he was involved in, and read a letter from Debra Jackson, a 311 shift supervisor, petitioning the Board to approve the co-naming. The proposed location is where his family still lives; his father is still alive. Police Officer dePietro spoke of Reynolds involvement in 9/11, having found Reynolds in Tower 2 trying to save a woman stuck in an elevator. Edward Mercado spoke of his friendship with Reynolds and

his family. It should be noted that Bruce's Garden (located in Isham Park) is named after him.

Vote on resolution to approve proposal:

Committee members 4-0-0

Board members 1-0-0

Public 10-0-0

3. Pedestrian safety at 207th Street and Emergency access to Sylvan Terrace tabled for discussion at next meeting due to lack of information and no DOT representative to discuss the items.

4. New Business:

Maria Luna spoke about issues around Broadway between 157th and 158th Streets. Eric Schneiderman allocated money to do cones. For over 2 years, there are orange cones and materials on the street. There is a lot of garbage and not enough time to cross the street. Committee recommended that Maria email Josh Orzeck about the problem and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Resolution in Support of Street Co-Naming at the end of the circle at 215th Street and Park Terrace East in Honor of Police Officer Bruce Reynolds

Whereas, Bruce Reynolds grew up in Inwood since he was five years old, and served his community and NYC since he was a young man: on a youth program for the neighborhood and an Urban Park Ranger for the parks department; and

Whereas, Bruce Reynolds served as a Port Authority Police Officer since 1986 until September 11, 2001, when he sacrificed his life to save others; and

Whereas, a petition was submitted demonstrating community support for the co-naming proposal; and

Whereas, the circle is at the end of the street where Bruce Reynolds' family still lives; and

Whereas, there is a community garden diagonally across from the proposed co-naming, in honor of Police Officer Bruce Reynolds; and

Whereas, there are no businesses or residences on the affected "block" where the co-naming is proposed; now therefore be it Resolved, Community Board 12M supports the street co-naming at the end of the circle at Park Terrace East and 215th Street in Honor of fallen Police Officer Bruce Reynolds.

Committee members 4-0-0

Board members 1-0-0

Public 10-0-0