

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

November 2nd, 2015

Committee Members Present - Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, Anita Barberis, and Yosef Kalinsky.

Excused – Asst. Chair, Wanda Garcia, Mary Anderson, James Berlin, and Terriell Peters. **Community Board Members:** Maria Luna and Ayisha Oglivie.

Public – J. Frankye Graves, Miguel Christian, Miguel Geboi, Rae Ribarik, Horminio Martinez, Ramon Henriquez, Raquel Henriquez, and Residents of Washington Heights/Inwood area.

Meeting begins at 7:20pm (without quorum)

- 1) Installation of parking meters on Vermilyea, Sherman, Post, and 10th Avenue, near West 207th Street (Presentation by Horminio Martinez from Assemblyman Linares' office)
 - a) In order to respond to complaints by business owners and residents about the lack of available parking near the businesses on 207th, due to the bus lanes. Currently NYPD has given many tickets for cars double parked on the adjacent streets of Vermilyea, Sherman, Post, and 10th Avenue. Assemblyman Linares called a meeting with Commissioner Forgione to discuss the issues and DOT suggested installing meters during the day, from 9am-5pm on the side streets - in order to allow patrons to park.
 - i) Maria Luna - this may help the restaurants, but what about the local residents - now they have to pay to park in front of their residents.
 - ii) What about residents who work at night and need to sleep during the day?
 - iii) We need more discussion with the community before we approve this proposal.
- 2) Request for Bus Shelter on the downtown side of West 157th Street and Broadway (Presentation by Maria Luna)
 - a) The Mx4 and Mx5 stop at that location and it is a transfer for the Bx6.
 - b) This area is highly populated by senior citizens and people of disabilities.
 - c) Petition presented with 300 signatures.

There was no quorum so the committee could not pass a resolution. The chair will present this to the executive committee to see if they want to pass the resolution.
- 3) Bike Lane on 170th Street
 - a) Community residents wonder why there is a bike lane on 170th Street?
 - i. It removed two parking spots.
 - ii. Ambulance cannot get through the street (even though before the installation of the bike lanes fire trucks and ambulances used to go through this specific street due to its wider lane), it is dangerous losing this passageway.
 - iii. We need to check the resolution to see if we supported this proposal for bike lanes on 170th Street which seems excessive. Then we need to decide our next step with DOT.
- 4) Three movies on 168th - 171st and Broadway - eliminating the parking for residents in the area. They are parking not just the trailers but even their personal cars.

Yahaira - we need to push back on removal of parking spaces. Circling for parking spots affect our families and quality of life.

Yahaira - invites the public to:

- 1) M5 presentation
- 2) Join the DOT workshop related to the Dyckman Street area

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm