

# **Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting**

**October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Committee Members Present** - Asst. Chair, Wanda Garcia, Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis, James Berlin.

**Excused** – Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter, Terriell Peters, and Martin Restituyo.

**Community Board Members:** Ayisha Oglivie, Mitch Glenn.

**Public** – Residents of Washington Heights/Inwood area. Bob Issac, Owner of Carrot Top.

## **Traffic and Transportation**

### **1. Parking Issues in CB12, M**

#### **Public Concerns**

Residents:

- a) Parking – Broadway and Haven – change parking removed another lane: Where are we going to park? Suggestion: Evaluate this area and consult the neighborhood before taking actions.
- b) If bike lanes are to connect to Highbridge, why is it 5 blocks away and not continuous?
- c) People can't park on George Hill because bike lane; bike lanes not used by bike riders and cars driving in the bike lane
- d) If speeding is an issue, why not put more speed bumps instead of bike lanes. Most bike riders don't live here, residents walk.
- e) 170<sup>th</sup> street, police and ambulance cannot get by, concerned because his mom lives on that block, concerned about her safety.

#### **Community Board Members Concerns:**

- a) 170<sup>th</sup> Street – Bike lane, at the general meeting it was talked about- has caused stress to residents; When oil trucks are there - no traffic can get through; someone's door has been taken off; cabs can't sit there; elimination of parking. When movies are filming, no signs with adequate timing/appropriate notice. Haven Avenue – Columbia has been building and eliminating parking.
- b) Bike path 170<sup>th</sup> street – can't do recycling, path goes no- where. It is not a connected bike path
- c) East bound bike lane – dangerous- tree limb blocks view and full of pot holes on 170<sup>th</sup>
- d) The DOT took in consideration that it was a very wide street and there were speeding concerns, reduce parking lane- so they go slower and people that want to go to fort Washington to Amsterdam have a path. But the bike lane doesn't go all the way through to Amsterdam.
- e) bike lane on fort Washington and Haven has increased ticketing- thinking about impact.

### **2. Co- Naming Street – Renee Mancino: 214<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway**

Renee Mancino's husband (Carrot Top owner) present and community residents.

Petition on line – submitted today – 1,169 signed.

Read letter by Angela Ortiz and by owner of Coogans.

Husband – Bob Isaac – Renee Mancino helped 100's of people, from the community, sponsored little league for 35 years, fed homeless in Good Shepard; soothing person for hospital patients, not for carrot top but for her: "a tribute to my wife."

Formal biography is needed.

Bob – another resident – said she embodied community.

Committee – we are all in favor, other community board members for it – 2 present; all residents present- 8; unanimous

**3. Emergency Access to Sylvan Terrace** (between St Nicholas and Jumel Terrace)

Mitch presents – resident with neighbor.

Sylvan Terrace has 20 wooden houses on the block.

It's a very narrow street, dead end, no parking on either side because there is no room.

During the day there are a lot of park department vehicles – if they get spot there – they won't park on Sylvan.

Proposing – allowing park vehicles to use the no parking zone in front of Morris Park.

Want committee support.

Will send proposal to Josh and cc us and will come back next month.

**4. 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct – PO Gomez**

Have trouble finding parking on 167<sup>th</sup> street and Amsterdam.

Bike lanes were supposed to be mapped before them.

Part of their parking was taken.

Other units with-in the precinct- another 19 cars.

Sanitation is having a hard time picking up garbage.

Edgecombe becomes one lane; – Island – bike lane.

School bus and police car – very hectic.

DOT took 15 parking spaces.

James Berlin – precinct has self-enforcement zone. Every month Ebenezer goes to the District Service Cabinet meeting- CO's are all there- start off by referring them to that MEETING.

PO GOMEZ – SPOKE WITH Nina – no outcome

Have Commander talk to Ebenezer

**5. New Business**

Bus Shelter Suggestions: Northbound 171<sup>st</sup> street and Saint Nicholas

Capital budget – email Ebenezer: why #1 and #2 under traffic and transportation the same?

MTA – not even a city agency – do these recommendations go to the MTA.