

## Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4<sup>th</sup> 2016

### Attendance

**Board Members Present:** Wanda Garcia, James Berllin, Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis, Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky.

**Excused:** Yahaira Alonzo

**Absent:** T. Peters

**CB12 Members:** Richard Lewis, Pamela Palanque-North

**Community Members:** Paul Hinterstein, Sandra Meadows, Timothy Frasa, Carmen Paulino, Jacob Morris, Obed Fulcar, Colman O'Reilly, Daniel Stevens, Jasper Diaz, Joel Yoffie.

1. Lyle Blackwood Updates:
  - A. Overall maintenance- ramp at 173<sup>rd</sup> Street and Fort Washington is being addressed; it's on the list.
  - B. 169<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway ramp was done.
  - C. Hole is fixed on 165<sup>th</sup> Street and Audubon (park corner). Mary saw a crack there, not done right? Lyle will check after the meeting.
  - D. Lyle asked Ebenezer for a list of concerns around the neighborhood.
  - E. Holes by park ( island around McDonald's -170<sup>th</sup> street and Broadway ): Lyle reached out to ConEd- not sure they used proper materials to do repairs- Lyle will follow up to make sure they are filled up with concrete.
  - F. DOT can issue permits for handicap but cannot create more parking spots for handicap.
  - G. DOT has been doing a study through Washington Heights to manage traffic flow patterns and traffic safety. They will have an In-house workshop to talk about findings and then will come back to talk to the community in the next month or two to report findings and get feedback from the neighborhood. Question for Lyle: Paul – from 17 Fort George Hill – can bike lane be reversed? Answer – going to do study to see what can be done. Engineers looking at signage. Paul said that they want alternate parking twice a week. Another question from another resident: Is Dyckman Street in the study? Answer: there is something in the works that is Dyckman specific. Question from Mary: what are the re-pavement plans on Broadway between 169<sup>th</sup> Street and 193<sup>rd</sup> Street? Answer: by this time next month should have updates in re-pavement.
  - H. Resident – a study should be done on our age of four infrastructure – recommendation for a resolution calling for a city wide resolution; then the community boards could work together and be transparent. Consider putting on the agenda at next month's meeting, talk to other chairs; do some research to see if other community boards or political person have looked at this; bring to executive committee: proposed resolution- call for transparency regarding infrastructure.
  - I. Question from Joel – resident – What do you get from an armory, since residents have to be burdened by parking?
2. Residential parking – Tabled – Richard All man not here.

3. Co-naming Harry Belafonte. Presenter, Jacob Morris, talked at NY Historical Society and read the emancipation with Harry. Robeson was a role model. Cultural geography is important. Spoke with legal counsel from parks – community board can consider and vote to honor and co-name any person, even if alive. Wants to connect 156<sup>th</sup> street and Amsterdam Avenue on the NE corner, near building Belafonte lived. Has a petition: approximately 13\*20 signatures.  
Richard Lewis suggested the de append street on 156<sup>th</sup> street between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas: name the whole block and get more traffic – park is highly trafficked.  
Will do the reach and talk about it. Board takes 2 months to decide. Will talk to council member and bring it to the executive committee.  
Community Discussion: we should consider academics, doctors, women, etc. it should be more inclusive but we are not being exclusive by co-naming, in artist and politician.
4. Jasper Diaz- interned at councilman Ydanis office: requesting a traffic enforcement agent at 207<sup>th</sup> street and 10<sup>th</sup> avenue- a lot of traffic, bridge and a lot of small businesses. Spoke with Manhattan Borough Center. Erica Ramos at councilman office will speak to you it isn't about this. Specific request: adding a traffic enforcement agent during rush hour; south side corner. Could request statistics from the 34th precinct. Lyle: ideally it's a public safety issue. Recommend that Jasper should talk to the precinct. Lyle has a number that he should contact. Richard Lewis will present at public safety.
5. Addition to the agenda- Officer O'Riley – Port Authority- announced he will speak about parking next month at our meeting.

New Business:

1. Resident Fulcar: 202<sup>nd</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue: sidewalk has been blocked by Isham Creek a Park by a fence and a tree that some students had planted has been chopped down. Danny Mercado from parks has told Fulcar they would look into it. Who authorized fence on sidewalk? It's adjacent to Con Edison property. Fulcar is concerned about loss of tree and loss of sidewalk. Recommended to take it to parks committee.
2. Richard Lewis – city Vinci, and federal aviation proposal on drones – has 4 categories: will send the information. Should be more safeguards and awareness of liabilities; there are no laws and there are very inexpensive.
3. Mary Anderson – transportation budgetary committee news – they voted on bus cut down docks and bus pads (flexible, concrete pads, protect the asphalt) will know results in a week.

8:45 pm – meeting adjourned.