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1. Asking committee to write a letter to DOT for a “no standing” zone in front of the Edge Hotel located at 514 W 168th Street.

It is a 54 room hotel, with 5 floors of medical offices. The “loading zone” was not approved because the hotel did not meet 100 room minimum requirement (10/6/15) but they are open to a “no standing” approval. The NO STANDING will take 2 and ½ parking spaces.

The LOADING zone and NO STANDING zone is basically the same thing but ticketing is different. The block is a 2 way street. The NO STANDING would help traffic congestion because: 6 out of 54 rooms are handicap accessible; people with luggage also can cause traffic congestion.

The hotel is accessible to anybody not just patients; it helps the community – tourist and patients; it’s been in operation for 3 and ½ months.

James Berlin will write a resolution to write the letter agreeing to the No STANDING Zone, with a “where as” with a suggestion that they consider increasing the number of more accessible rooms

Committee Vote – 4 yes, 2 – no ; no abstention

Public Vote – 6- yes; 0 – no; 1 – abstention

2. Edith - dangerous concern in community; Broadway, just north of Islam park - ; the size of ½ of door is broken on sidewalk; fear that someone might fall in; it’s been like this since before Christmas; nobody has been seen working on this; needs to be addressed before snow and icing; awareness issue - it's an MTA ISSUE – Diedra Parker is aware– not much of a response; it is a community safety issue; Committee decided to tell Ebenezer that he needs to talk to MTA about this issue.
3. Conditions of 170th Street bike lane between Fort Washington and Broadway;- Mary Anderson spoke as a concerned resident. Buses can't get through because Gristedes trucks now unloading on Broadway. If this bike lane is about safety – DOT needs to work with park department to cut the tree and also fixed the road. James Berlin – thinks we should take intermediate step before resolution and talk to DOT. A suggestion made by Edith to build a relationship with bike riders – let them know that residents have been dissatisfied – safety issues. There is a degree of overkill – maybe can come up with a more modest treatment that can still protect the bikers; Yahaira Alonzo will find out who the new DOT representative is and begin the conversation. Edith suggested a forum in the spring around this topic. Yahaira Alonzo – suggested to Mary that she go to public safety and parks, Mary agreed.
4. Old business – October email –MTA bus shelters: list of 15 shelters were submitted – 4 were accepted – 157th street southbound was a priority but was not approved because it has an open grate.

5. New business

- A. DOT still in the process of establishing a date for the Dykman Forum.

- B. Adam Weiner – Cabrini blvd resident – seeking guidance from the board regarding Imperial Parking employees whom are selling public parking spaces in the street to residents. They park their cars in spaces to then sell the spaces in the evenings on weekends or Monday nights. They sometimes even park on the sidewalk. Who is enforcing this area? Ebenezer should be researching this. Suggestion was made to go to public safety committee, go to Ydanis; and to come to the general meeting to make announcement and create awareness at the Public Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm