

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

March 7th 2016

Attendance

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

Excused: Yahaira Alonzo

Absent: T. Peters

CB12 Members: Pamela Palanque-North

Community Members: Paul (FGH), Regina Gradess, Zenon Pendiek, John Matthews, Jacob Morris, Carmen Paulino, Paizhe Pressley.

Lyle Blackwood introduced, the new DOT community representative.

1. 163rd Street train closure
MTA said they are not ready to talk about the details. Will invite them to our next meeting.
2. Residential parking: tabled (nobody was there to talk about it).
3. Curb repair – SE corner of Cabrini Boulevard and 181st Street: heavily trafficked area, co-op board looking for advocate to do curb repair along with sidewalk re-pavement in April. Lyle asked about 311 calls. He will reach out to sidewalk commission. Co-op board and Lyle exchanged contact information so they can work together. Anita asked Lyle if there is a list of things that need repair. He's looking for a list. Anita will start list. Lyle will walk around and said we can send him pictures. Mary asked Lyle about status updates. Holes not filled with concrete at 169th Street and St. Nicholas. ConEdison made the holes and they were not fixed correctly- they were filled with just asphalt. It's been several weeks. There's a cave in by the park at 165th street – Lyle acknowledged and said it was a concern he heard from Ebenezer. Lyle knows that there's a newsstand at 168th street that's on a list to be renovated in the next few months. Also, by Famiglia there's a pedestrian ramp that has asphalt and needs to be redone in the next couple of months.

New Business

1. Jacob Morris wants to enter for consideration – co-naming Harry DelaFonte. He's alive. Guidelines have changed since DeBlasio- city council guidelines. Jim Berlin asked Lyle to bring in the guidelines to next meeting.
2. 170th – Fort Washington and Broadway - bike lane; big problems – delivery, school buses, UPS, NOT SURE HOW MUCH OUTREACH WAS DONE WITH THE COMMUNITY. SUGGESTION to DOT – if you want to do the St. Nicholas bike lane smoothly, have to do education with the community was in advance. Need to ask about ramifications of a mile long bike lanes. Lyle will get back to us on what the date is and what the plan will be.
3. Fort George Hill – kids going downhill on skate board, dangerous at the bottom. Suggestion of a warning sign.

4. Handicap parking spaces. Resident, Pudlik Zenon, wants handicap spaces on St. Nicholas and Fort George Hill Road (45 Fairview Avenue)– only one spot and there are a lot of elderly in need. Asking for 3-4 spots. DOT HAS STANDARDS – Lyle. Go to the site directly.
5. 190th street tunnel – steps in the ramp to get to Fort Tryon Park need to be redone. Parks initiative has money. 190th tunnel is part of MTA. Told resident she should go to Parks Committee and general meeting.
6. Contact Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez regarding 163rd Street station renovation.
7. Double parking in the community. – Courtesy parking policy for the religious community. On some streets, for example Edgecombe and St. Nicholas – 7 days a week. It's not a DOT topic. It's a police department policy.