

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

March 6th, 2016

Committee Members Present – Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, Asst. Chair, Debby Nabavian, Anita Barberis James Berlin, and Gerard Dengel.

Absent – Mary Anderson, Robin Cruz, and Yosef Kalinsky.

Community Board Members: Richard Lewis, Mitchell Glenn.

Public – Residents from CB12

1. **Meeting called to order at 7:10PM.**
2. **DDC Presentation, Jumel Terrace Pedestrian Ramp and Catch Basin projects.** Presented by Norberto Acevedo, Office of Community Outreach.
 - a. Two parts of work: one at 160th Street, the other at 162nd St. April, 2017. Full access to Jumel Terrace, nothing in front of Morris Jumel Mansion.
 - b. Anything that is disturbed will be put back.
 - c. @ 160th Street, install proper pedestrian ramps, which includes returning historic slate of sidewalk as it was.
 - d. @ 162nd Street, Install catch basins for storm sewers. Will lose parking spots for 1-2 week duration of project, so that traffic is not interrupted. Noisy work will occur, but it will be brief given small area involved.
 - e. Discussion of best processes for public notice. Suggestion by Gerard Dengel that perhaps award of contract could trigger notice.
3. **Traffic Calming & Pedestrian Safety, Amsterdam Ave., 155th St. – 162nd St.**
 - a. General redesign of Amsterdam with some specific intersections (125th and 133rd) to get special treatment. Address problems of off peak hour speeding, deaths / injuries, undefined lane assignments, issues related to wide roadway.
 - b. High density corridor– residential, universities, commercial.
 - c. Remove 1 lane of traffic in each direction; and replace it with a dedicated left-turn lane along the corridor.
 - d. Create 1 travel lane in each direction with unprotected bicycle lane in each direction.
 - e. 2 lanes will continue to exist at 161st & 162nd Street & Amsterdam intersection, with it's own pedestrian signal, which allows pedestrians to cross diagonally.
 - f. Concerns: Corridor is congested. Adding bike lanes will not ease the congestion. Plenty of bus routes along this corridor. The buses take forever. The implementation of this design will make the wait worse. No room for loading zones. The implementation of this project needs to wait. It is not ready for a vote.
4. **New/Old Business:** DOT looking into location and dates for the Dyckman Street Workshop. DOT will try to have the workshop before June break.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26PM.