

## **Traffic & Transportation Committee, Manhattan CB12 – September 2019**

Committee Members Present: Nicholas Martinez (Interim Chair), James Berlin, Gerard Dengel, Danielle Jettoo, Bruce Robertson, Mary Anderson, Robin Cruz, Omar Tejada

Board Members Present: Richard Allman, Richard Lewis

Public Members Present: Edith Prentiss

Public Members Absent: N/A

Public Attendees: Janice K. Bryant, Ryan Desso, Robin Kalap, Lynne Van Auken, Ann Winston, Pat Burke, Dense Martinez, Natalie Espino, Michael Hano, Jazmin del Valle, Paul Williams

### **1. Call to Order**

Nick welcomed everyone to the monthly Traffic and Transportation meeting after the summer hiatus. Nick went through Robert's Rules and kicked off the meeting with the introduction of Patrick Burk.

### **2. Revocable consent to construct and maintain the use of a proposed telecommunication conduit at 701 W. 168th Street and 104 Haven Avenue, Block 2139, Lots 51 and 229.**

- Patrick Burk here to present on behalf of Presbyterian hospital their proposal for data redundant connectivity on Haven Avenue and on Saint Nicholas Avenue with DOT.
- CB12 Member Jim asked about the construction phase. Patrick mentioned it would be done in incremental steps as to not shut down full length traffic lanes.
- CB12 Member Nick asked what parking/public transportation could be affected. Patrick mentioned no daytime parking would be affected. Might be short term overnight loss of parking as each section is completed. About two parking spots in incremental overnight periods.
- CB12 Board Chair Rich. Raised concerns on the vendor being used for this project as it's not their specialization. Requested a Verizon, spectrum fiber map professionally made to ensure no service interruption occurs and is being protected. Director of this project from Sam Schwartz mentioned the plan presented is just an overview. Mentioned all plans have been reviewed by all concerned entities. Mentioned DOT should have sent these plans to the board per Richards concern.
- CB 12 public member Edith mentioned concern over the plates being used to cover the construction and ensuring they are tapered.
- Members of the public comments.
- Janice asked where the #4 bus in in relation to this project. Question answers that it's not impacted.

### **3. Formation of Monthly Monitoring Committee for Haven Plaza**

- CB12 member Danielle mentioned an advocate for the shelter should be on the committee and a benchmark for success.
- CB12 Member Gerard mentioned that criteria should be established.
- CB12 Member Jim mentioned criteria for who can join should be established.
- CB12 Chair Rich asked for a date of completion.
- CB12 Member Omar mentioned Presbyterian must quantify how they conducted their outreach to put together a diverse committee.
- Public comments
- Sandra Harris Presbyterian representative. Mentioned that the spirit is to have committee members, business and public community members. Mentioned 10-15-person committee. Should be stated at the general board meeting asking for volunteers. Have also asked neighboring businesses to join. Sandra to return next month to present on all points shared.
- Mike said plenty of provisions haven't been followed by Presbyterian Hospital. The committee should be compromised by people who are directly affected. Committee chair agreed and advised if Mike can partner with Sandra Harris on appointments.

#### **4. MTA A Train shuttle Bus Updates**

- Community representative Ann Winston presented that it's not functioning and hasn't been publicized.
- CB12 Public Member Edith said the buses need to be packed for the MTA count happening in September to prove it usage.
- CB12 Member Danielle mentioned the MTA should have been at this meeting and should be at the next schedule.
- CB12 Other Member Richard mentioned the senior advocacy group should be a part of this. Route maps.
- CB12 Board Chair mentioned that this information was put on social media and an e blast was sent. Mention resolution suggestion on the additional bus. Also mentioned that voted public officials had a voice in this.
- CB12 Member Mary to check with Shuly and the senior centers members on what they have experienced.
- Natalie Manhattan Borough president office mentioned adding additional stops.
- CB12 Member Omar mentioned that the bus schedule should be posted.
- Public comment
- Mike mentioned better signage.
- Jasmin mentioned that ridership is the driving metric especially costumers in wheelchairs.

Proposed Resolution to be voted at next Committee Meeting: Improvements of publicity, route maps, additional stops, and timetable schedule. Continued service beyond September. To be written.

#### **5. Old Business**

- CB12 Yudith: BX7 stop removals in our board jurisdiction.
- CB 12 board member Jim to write resolution requesting restoration of BX7 stops in our district.
- Natalie Manhattan Borough president office mentioned MTA agreed to show up to our September meeting but did not today. The plans were already placed, and it looked like this was public notification instead of public engagement.
- CB12 public member Edith mentioned that all stops in the Bronx are remaining which are at every city block.
- CB12 board member Bruce mentioned why no back up representative made today's meeting. Nick to follow up with DOT and MTA.
- CB12 Board member Mary issue of M101 not allowing riders to get on board.

#### **6. New Business**

Community member Lynn Van Auken presentation Riverside Drive 157th street temporary ramp being blocked as signage does not exist to protect it.

Edith to send this to the civic facilitator regarding lawsuit won regarding pedestrian ramps and accessibility.

Meeting adjourned 9:06 PM

Minutes recorded by Omar Tejada