

CB12Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting January 8, 2018

Committee Members Present –Asst. Chair, Debby Nabavian, Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Anita Barberis, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel and Yosef Kalinsky.

Community Board Members: Fern Hertzberg

Public – Residents from CB12M

- 1) **Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.**
- 2) **Request for pedestrian ramp at Riverside Drive and W. 157th Street.**
 - a) CB12 received a letter from community member Lynne Van Auken (not in attendance) describes intersection where there is crosswalk, but no pedestrian ramps on either end.
 - b) Stop line is significantly distant from crosswalk such that cars and Bx6 must advance to crosswalk to see traffic on RSD.
 - c) Committee will follow up with Lyle Blackwood at DoT at the next meeting to do further research.
- 3) **Riverstone Memory Center transportation issue. Ilana Dunner, Executive Director.**
 - a) The Issue: Transport provider (represented by Fern Herzberg) has no place on Fort Washington Avenue to drop off and pickup seniors entering 99 FWA to go to Riverstone Memory Center. Block on FWA between 163rd and 165th has hydrant, bus stop, loading dock entrance and driveway, as well as about 4 parking spaces. Bike lane complicates this. Side entrance from 163rd requires seniors to walk steep grade, as well as enter facility via elevator, and some of this population cannot use elevators.
 - b) Buses picking up and dropping off seniors are getting ticketed regularly - creating hardship on the provider.
 - c) NYCHA used to allow drop off and pick up from parking garage, but they no longer do, and this is sub optimal in that it requires elevator entry.
 - d) Suggestions:
 - ◆ JB and GD: Likely can get quicker result working through Council Member Rodriguez' office.
 - ◆ YK suggested coming to General Meeting as well.
 - ◆ DKN suggested NYCHA request for using parking garage through 2018 while a DoT solution is identified.
- 4) **Riverside Drive New Design Project proposal.**
 - a) The Issue: Safety of riders exiting and entering their vehicles parked on RSD. Community member presented a proposal to re-design of Riverside Drive from W. 158th – W. 165th to include going from two lanes in each direction to one, and adding a sidewalk to east side of RSD, and closing one direction of W 158th leading onto RSD northbound entirely for parking and pedestrian use.

- b) Committee members suggested that presenter tie in with DoT because this sort of proposal needs to come through them and relate to a problem they are trying to solve or a strategy they are implementing. Also suggested that presenter identify other supporters in the community.

5) **New business / old business.**

- a) DKN informed Committee of situation at the corner of RSD and Seaman Ave in front of 1825 RSD Inc. That building has requested that one large boulder or two smaller boulders be placed on the sidewalk at the property line on Seaman Avenue, where drivers turn left from Riverside Drive onto Seaman (against traffic direction) by mounting the sidewalk and accessing the gas station. Situation is quite dangerous, obviously.

6) **Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.**