

District Manager's Report November/December 2005

For the month of November staff had approximately 900 contacts (see attached a-1), with the large majority being meeting attendance (note November 15th Scoping session not included).

Borough Services Cabinet November – Roxanne Dodds announced her retirement on November 30th. Anne Strahle will be working for Senator Clinton there is no one to coordinate December.

District Cabinet – No meetings in December, next meeting January 2006.

Police Update – The death of the child in a fire at 275 St. Nicholas Avenue (the electricity had been turned off and they were using candles) has been confirmed by the 26 Precinct as an accident. On December 4th a prisoner of officers of the 30th Precinct who was subdued had to be rushed to the hospital where he expired. The incident is being reviewed.

The Christmas Party for disadvantaged children given by the 26 Precinct will be on Thursday December 15th at 5:00 P.M., I have not been given any other dates at this writing.

Assemblyman Wright's office responded to our request for information on NYS statutes that involve urban renewal or Eminent Domain (see attached a-2,3,4).

Transit Strike – We are in the process of planning as to how to maintain operations should a Transit Strike occur on December 16th. If there is a strike on Friday December 16th this office will not open. If it should continue in to the next week staff will work out of other locations while I will attempt to have the office open at least a part of each day. The Manhattanville Task Force/197A meeting on Monday 12/19 & the Housing Land Use Committee meeting on Tuesday 12/20 would be cancelled. Our primary consideration would be maintaining correspondence and moving forward with preparations for the January 3rd Senior's meeting.

OFFICE OPERATIONS

There are some from the Community and Board who look at signs around this office that say No Entry without Authorization, Staff use Only, Do not use and think they are butthem notices. In other words they apply to EVERY BODY BUT THEM ! They apply to EVERYONE. Our computers are now in password if you do not have one Stay Off. The computer in the mail area is for community use. Phone calls, Copies, Faxes are to pertain to BOARD BUSINESS ONLY! This office is NOT A MESSAGE SERVICE for Real Estate Deals, Flight Plans or personal business. If persons do not want to give thier numbers as a contact DO NOT GIVE THIS ONE !

Monthly Log

Month November 2005

Category	Phone	Walk In	Mail	Total
Board Business: @	<u>135</u>	<u>355</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>585</u>
Permits:	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Complaints;				
A) Housing	<u>5(2)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>
B) Traffic	<u>0</u>	<u>2(1)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
C) Police/Fire	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
D) Environmental (noise Sanitation, open hydrant)	<u>5(2)</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>10</u>
E) Other	<u>10</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>
Information	<u>35</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>85</u>
Referral	<u>30</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>40</u>
Employment	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>35</u>
Other	<u>40</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>120</u>
Totals	<u>260</u>	<u>441</u>	<u>191</u>	<u>892</u>

@ Includes Meetings

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December 1, 2005

Mr. Lawrence T. McClean
District Manager
Community Board 9, Manhattan
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Dear Mr. McClean:

I write in response to your letter of November 16th, 2005, which requested clarification of Municipal Laws 505, 502, 503 and Article 8 Section 1 of the New York State Constitution. These statutes, which regard urban renewal projects, take on the issue of eminent domain in cities. I will attempt to clarify the laws for your upcoming testimony.

Municipal Law 502- This statute contains the basic definitions of the terms that are used in the following Municipal Laws. They clarify the definition of urban renewal as redevelopment, through clearance (demolition), replanning, reconstruction, rehabilitation and concentrated code enforcement. These definitions also include substandard or unsanitary area, which is defined as a deteriorating area or an area that has a blighting influence on the surrounding area. Perhaps the most important definition is what the urban renewal plan is to include; proposed facilities, new codes that would be necessary to make the plan work, code enforcement strategy and time schedule for the completion of plans.

Municipal Law 503- This statute outlines the powers of municipalities in the creation and implementation of urban renewal projects. Firstly, it gives municipalities the power to undertake urban renewal projects, which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The ability to borrow money and issue bonds for the acquisition of property in the same manner that monies are borrowed for other public purposes. In cities of 1,000,000 or more the municipality may itself provide a loan for the demolition, improvement and clearance associated with the project. These loans must have terms of less than 30 years.

- The ability to provide local grants in the form of legislative appropriations, cash, and the usage of municipal services and facilities.
- The allowance of property demolition and clearance, improvement of properties, and all work associated with the construction facilities within the urban renewal project.
- The development and testing of urban renewal methods. This testing is allowed to reconstruct, repair, rehabilitate, sell, lease, or dispose of any property if it is used in the creation of aforementioned methods.
- The creation of community and municipality-wide plans that include such urban renewal plans.
- The consent of the renewing agency to building construction, alterations, and certificates of occupancy. This must occur within three years of the urban renewal plan approval and must be consistent with the plan.
- The appropriation of necessary funds (federal, state, and local) to cover relocation expenses (both primary and supplemental) for individuals, families, business concerns and non-profit organizations. The funds must ensure that "disproportionate injuries" are not sustained by these groups due to urban renewal projects.

Municipal Law 505- This statute includes the steps that must be taken in the creation and approval of urban renewal plans. The steps are as follows:

- The plan must be submitted to a commission that will certify that it conforms to Municipal Law 502, and the designated area must also conform to the tenets of Municipal Law 502.
- The commission must submit, within 10 weeks of receiving the plan, the plan to the governing body (The New York City Council), with notice of approval, disapproval, or qualified approval.
- Following this submission, a public hearing must be held on the matter.
- If the commission gave an unqualified approval, the governing body must approve the plan by majority vote.
- If the commission gave disapproval to the plan or did not fulfill the time requirements associated with submission, the governing body must approve the plan by a three-quarters affirmative vote.
- If the commission gave qualified approval with recommendations, the governing body must approve the plan by majority vote.
- If the commission gave qualified approval without recommendations, the governing body must approve the plan by three-quarters affirmative vote.
- In a city with a population of 1,000,000 or more, the approval must be filed with the mayor for approval within five days of the Council's approval. This is required for final approval.

Once the governing body approves the plan for urban renewal, they must pass resolutions finding that:

- The area is indeed a substandard or unsanitary area.
- The financing is adequate for completion of the plan.
- The plan gives maximum opportunity to private enterprise and is consistent with the needs of the municipality.

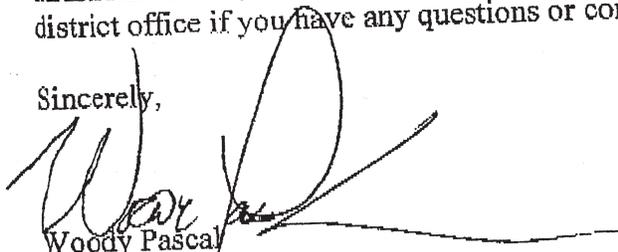
- There is a feasible method for relocation of individuals and businesses, to areas more desirable than those slated for urban renewal, at rents or prices within the means of such individuals and within reasonable access to their places of employment.
- That the undertaking and carrying out of urban renewal activities is best done in steps.

New York State Constitution, Article 8, Section 1- This article of the Constitution gives the framework for governmental and private business interactions and prevents the donation of land to private interests. The exact relevant text is as follows:

- No county, city, town, village or school district shall give or loan any money or property to or in aid of an, any individual, or private corporation or association, or private undertaking, or become directly or indirectly the owner of stock in, or bonds of, any private corporation or association.

I truly hope this information was helpful in your preparation of testimony. For any additional needs, I have attached full text of all requested statutes. Please contact my district office if you have any questions or comments. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Lawrence G. Reuter
President

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New York City Transit

November 23, 2005

Mr. Lawrence Mc Clean
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Re: New Bus and Subway Rules

Dear Mr. Mc Clean:

Pursuant to Section 1204, Subdivision 5-a of the NYS Public Authorities Law, on September 29, 2005, its Board authorized MTA New York City Transit to proceed, in accordance with the NYS Administrative Procedure Code, with the adoption of proposed new rules governing the conduct and safety of passengers in transit facilities. On December 5, 2005, these new rules will go into effect for individuals who ride NYC Transit buses and subways or use transit facilities. Highlights of the new rules, as well as the existing rules, are summarized below. You should note that violating any of the rules can result in arrest, fine and/or ejection from the transit system.

Highlights of New Rules

It is a violation to:

- Jump the turnstile or enter the system improperly, even if your MetroCard is not working properly
- Refuse to present special farecard to police officer or transit employee
- Straddle a bicycle, wear in-line or roller skates, stand on a skateboard or ride a scooter
- Move between end doors of a subway car whether or not train is in motion, except in an emergency or when directed to do so by a police officer or conductor

Highlights of Existing Rules

It remains a violation to:

- Fail to pay the proper fare
- Panhandle or beg

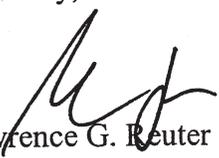
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- Play a radio audible to others or use amplified devices on platforms
- Block free movement
- Lie down
- Drink alcoholic beverages
- Carry any liquid in an open container onto a train or bus
- Engage in unauthorized commercial activity
- Enter tracks, tunnels or other non-public areas
- Carry bulky items likely to cause inconvenience or hazard to yourself and others
- Damage subway or bus property – that includes graffiti or scrachitti
- Litter or create unsanitary conditions
- Smoke anywhere on NYC Transit property, including outdoor stations

You can find a complete listing of NYC Transit bus and subway Rules of Conduct at www.mta.info. Should you have any questions or require any further information in this matter, please contact Lois H. Tendler, NYC Transit's Director of Government and Community Relations, at 646-252-2660.

Sincerely,



Lawrence G. Reuter
President

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TO: All PMS Agencies
FROM: Evelyn Rodriguez
Date: September 27, 2005
Subject: 2006 Holiday Table

A copy of the 2006 PMS Holiday Schedule is being issued for your use.

2006 Holiday Calendar

New Year's Day Observed	Monday	January 2, 2006
New Year's Day	Sunday	January 1, 2006
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Monday	January 16, 2006
Lincoln's Birthday Observed	Monday	February 13, 2006
Lincoln's Birthday*	Sunday	February 12, 2006
Washington's Birthday	Monday	February 20, 2006
Memorial Day	Monday	May 29, 2006
Independence Day	Tuesday	July 4, 2006
Labor Day	Monday	September 4, 2006
Columbus Day	Monday	October 9, 2006
Election Day	Tuesday	November 7, 2006
Veteran's Day Observed	Friday	November 10, 2006
Veteran's Day	Saturday	November 11, 2006
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 23, 2006
Christmas Day	Monday	December 25, 2006
New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2007

*In lieu of Lincoln's Birthday, employees subject to the holiday provisions of the Citywide Agreement or the Leave Regulations for Management Employees receive one floating holiday to be used during Calendar Year 2006, providing that the employee was in active pay status prior to February 11, 2006. However, the floating holiday provisions do not apply to employees assigned to facilities that are normally closed on Lincoln's Birthday, such as, but not limited to State Courts or Department of Sanitation garages. At such locations Lincoln's Birthday will continue to be observed as an official holiday. Refer to Article V, section 9© of the 1995-2000 Citywide Agreement for further details.

**Based on the 2002 MEA with the exceptions of Unions that opted out of this provision, employees newly hired on or after July 1, 2004 are not eligible for the Floating Holiday commencing in the calendar year 2006.



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Community Board No. 9 Manhattan

MEDICARE ALERT FOR SENIORS!!!!

Are you confused about the New Prescription Plan for Medicare?

Do You Know what your Options are?
If Not....

Manhattan Community Board No. 9 Manhattan in conjunction with the New York City Department for the Aging will Host a walk-in Center

**When: Every Wednesday from 1-3p.m.
(Beginning November 9th)**

**Where: Manhattan Community Board No. 9
District Office
565 West 125th Street**

****English and Spanish Assistance available.****

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Friday, December 16, 2005

7:00 – 9:00 PM

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