

Uniform Services & Transportation Committee  
Minutes  
March 03, 2005

Committee Members Present; Carolyn Thompson, Co Chair, Jordi Reyes Montblanc, Board Chair, Patricia Lewis. Excused; Theodore Kovaleff, Co Chair, Janet Ramon.

The meeting was called to Order by Carolyn Thompson at 6:40 P.M.. The Agenda, and Minutes were adopted.

With PSA 6, the 26 & 30 Precincts not present the Committee moved to Liquor License & Sidewalk applications;

- 1) Nacho Momma's Kitchen – Approved without reservation
- 2) Ajanta Indian Restaurant - Accepted without Objections
- 3) Nacho Moma's – Accepted without Objections
- 4) Dinasaar BBQ Uptown LLC – Sidewalk request approved
- 5) E & M Restaurant – Approved without reservation
- 6) LaMonde Restaurant – Sidewalk renewal subject to restriction of eight feet
- 7) SIP, Inc. between West 109<sup>th</sup> & 110<sup>th</sup> referred to Community Board 7M
- 8) VET Restaurant – Sidewalk Renewal approved without reservation
- 9) Buffalo Restaurant – Liquor License pending review by the 30<sup>th</sup> Precinct
- 10) Max Café – Renewal of Liquor License approved pending review by 26<sup>th</sup> Precinct

#### Old Business

Joan Levine of the Morningside Gardens coalition raised the issue of the poor escalator service at the 125<sup>th</sup> Street station of the 1/9 Line. Mr. Montblanc explained to the audience that he and the District Manager had met with the MTA Managers with reference to the matter on March 9<sup>th</sup>. He said they acknowledged that the system had been down over 250 times since late August 2003 and that it was basically so delicate that any perceived problem would cause it to shut down. They had agreed to place notices for passengers to alert the clerk in the Booth when escalator stops, and to install an alarm system to alert them so they call for repair, similar to what exists in Lower Manhattan stations. They would also try to find a way to improve response time once there is a system failure.

Issues also raised included garbage, and graffiti on the Train walls, as well as the poor condition of the station platform (already referred by CB9 to Assemblymen Wright & O'Donnell for State funding).

Some complaints with 1,100 signatures have gone to MTA President Reuter about the noise of the Trains. Mr. Montblanc asked for a copy of the response so the Board could act in support of their position.

Reports;

D.O.T. – Lee Eastmond introduced himself and took questions. There was a discussion where he delineated the responsibilities of his Agency versus DEP, and the MTA. He agreed to hear request for bike racks, but urged everyone to call 311 which led to a discussion of how the system is SUPPOSED TO WORK. Ms. Thompson urged all who call to make sure they get the complaint number.

Mr. Eastmond reminded everyone that this was pot hole season.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted By

Carolyn Thompson  
Co Chair