

**Transportation/Uniform Services
Committee Meeting
Thursday October 2, 2008**

The meeting was called to order @6:35P.M.

There was no quorum present.

Present

Carolyn Thompson –Co-Chair
Patricia Lewis

Absent

Ty Buckelew
Keith Mitchell

Excused

Theodore Kovaleff, Co-Chair - Excused for Board Business
Nicole Monegeo
Jordi Reyes-Montblanc
Jane Arrendell

There was a brief discussion on the Montifiore Park Plaza with Mr. Tom Lunke and LaQuita Henry. Mr. Lunke stated that they have had discussions with the landlords and the store owners. One of the biggest problems that still exist is the parking for those who live in that area as well as the loading for the businesses. They are looking to free up at least 20 to 25 parking spaces for the Community. Ms. Henry stated that they were also thinking about angle parking at 136th Street. Ms. Thompson stated that angle parking on a hill would not work and believe the committee would not agree to that.

Mr. Lunke stated that he had letters from Counsilmember Robert Jackson offices, Assemblyman Keith Wright and letters from some of the store owners. He further stated that he would email them to Ms. Thompson for her review.

Lt. Lee from the 30th Pct. gave his area report and stated that crime is up do to the snatching of cell phones, iPods. Rapes are down.

Mr. Hector Gomez who lives at 575 Riverside Dr. stated that he has notice quite a few cars being broken into on the Via Duck, the issue of the cars being broken into is not new and Lt. Lee and P.O. Harper stated that both precincts will be looking into it.

Mr. Gomez also wanted to know if the precinct had numbers on the break ins and Lt. Lee stated that if it is not reported them no crime has been committed, and his concerns are that the flow of traffic along Riverside Drive from 120th to 135th St is the speeding. He has asked that CB9 make a request of DOT to take a study to see if it warrants a light or a stop sign midway. Mr. Gomez further stated that the M4 bus is blocking the crosswalk at 137th St.

Mr. Jacob Temples from Columbia School of Journalism sat in on the meeting and one of his questions was are the cell phones taken at the time that school begins, and the answer was no. There are several phone companies working with the NYPD – T-Mobile – AT&T and Nextel to combat this situation by engraving the phones, cameras. Lectures are given to the parents so they would know how to protect their children's property.

Mr. Temples wanted to know how come the police did not do it in the schools. Office Cheatham of PSA6 stated that the schools already have Safety Patrols in them and to add the Police would be intrusive.

PSA6 – Officer Cheatham stated that the cell phones, Ipods is basically the same as the 30th Pct. Officer Cheatham announced that on October 16, 2008 from 6-8PM the DA offices Mr. Calvin Solomon and Bank Of America are sponsoring the Identity Theft meeting at PSA6 2770 8th Avenue.

26th Precinct – Officer Harper gave his area report and much of what was said is the same.

The meeting closed at 7:30PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Carolyn Thompson
Co-Chair Uniform Service/Transportation