

Community Board 9M
16-18- Old Broadway
New York City, NY 10027

Uniformed Services/Transportation Committee Minutes

Date: Sept 5, 2013

Time: 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chair C Thompson at 6:30

Heidi Wolf- DOT Traffic Planning

Gave a report on a proposal for Morningside Avenue, one of the ten most dangerous corridors in Manhattan

Emphasized that it must meet Federal guidelines and that it was in project stage. Ideas include stop sign at 118, narrowing the street to one lane each way and aligning roadway at 126th St.

More will come

CT brought to J Orzack's attention the Bway and Amst 145 Street lights change too quickly. To a question of the timing of the light at Bway and 125, JO suggested that a leading pedestrian interval might help. Was asked about meters on 12th AV near the restaurants.

JO announced that the rehabbing of the ped bridge over the train lines at 148 and RSD was due to start after 9/15

Reports

PSA6: Officer Cordell

Crimes down 40%

2 shootings at Grant, gotten by cameras, working on it.

Watch for scam calls from Time Warner offering a great deal, "but you must act right now..."

Still probs between Grant and Manhattanville, but also Grant v Grant.

26th Precinct: Officer Delva

Crimes down 8.5%, but robberies rose from 1 to 5, most of which were in parks

30 Precinct: Officer Sigaro

Crimes down 50% after having been up 1H13

See Stats attached.

Resos: Copies should be attached to minutes

Street name change: Broadway west side, between 115 and 116th

To Grace Gold Way to memorialize the Barnard student who was killed by a piece of building that fell on her.

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To protest the removal of the 118 Street and Riverside Dr M5 bus stop

TK noted that the CB had received no notice of the removal and that it especially impacted the large number of senior citizens that live in the bldgs across from the stop.

Other Business

E P{ortnoy complained that there was a lot of littering in Morningside Park on weekends. Was explained that Sanit could not pick it up until the following day without paying overtime, for which there were no funds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05

Respectfully submitted

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Grace Gold co-naming

Whereas; Grace Gold was a freshman studying for a career in public service at Barnard College when she was killed by a piece of masonry which fell from 601 West 115, a building on Broadway;

Whereas; her tragedy gave impetus to Local Law 10, which was made permanent by Local Law 11 in 1998, protecting pedestrians from similar fates in succeeding years;

Whereas; the law which is often viewed as an expensive nuisance would memorialize Grace Gold and put a "face" to the law;

Now therefore be it resolved; Community supports the co-naming of the west side of Broadway from 115 to 116th Street as Grace Gold Way.

118th Street Riverside Drive bus stop southbound

Whereas; the DOT at the behest of the MTA removed the 118th Street Riverside Drive bus stop southbound with no notice to the community or the Community Board;

Whereas; the buildings opposite the removed stop have many senior citizen residents who depend on the stop for easy access to the M-5 bus;

Whereas; this stop has been used for the last sixty years;

Whereas; the DOT states that "there is no safe way to access the stop and thus we removed it;"

Whereas; no one has been injured using the stop;

Now therefore be it resolved: CB9M goes on record requesting the re-signing of the former stop as a bus stop;

Be it further resolved; CB9 requests the Parks Department provide an access to the stop from the park walkway.