

COMMUNITY BOARD 11 QUEENS

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members

FROM: Bernie Haber, Co-Chair
Transportation Committee

RE: Renaming of streets in Douglaston Hill

DATE: February 10, 2009

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On Tuesday, February 9, 2009 the Transportation Committee met to review the above application. Present were Committee Members Dennis Novick, Andy Rothman, Joe Sollano, Ed Doster, David Millet, Frank Skala, and John Rosse, Board member Joe Hellman also attended and Susan Seinfeld, District Manager. Four residents from the community attended.

The committee met to review the request, forwarded to us by Councilman Tony Avella, on behalf of the Douglaston/Little Neck Historical Society to change the names of seven streets in Douglaston Hill from the numbered street names to the original named streets.

The Board sent out over 100 notices to property owners on the effected blocks. We received four responses to support the changes and two responses against the changes, these were both commercial entities. Additionally, a couple who attended the meeting also opposed the change.

The NYPD and the FDNY were consulted and both agencies expressed concerns with map changes and confusions that have occurred with the 9-1-1 system. There is great deal of confusion when the names change, especially, with similar names in other parts of the borough or other boroughs. The 9-1-1 system maps have to be changed also. They were concerned that when there are substantial changes, people can be put at risk.

The Committee felt that due to the poor response from property owners they could not recommend a change to the City map. Discussion ensued about having dual street names as is done for honorary namings. Bernie Haber made a motion that was seconded by Joe Sollano to recommend NOT changing the City map but to request that the City maintain the existing street signs but add the historical street name sign below the existing signs. The motion passed by a vote of 5-3.