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MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

JANUARY 19, 2012 5:30 PM

MINUTES

Attendance: Herman Francis, Jr., Ngande Ambroise, Betty Bryant, Lucas Henriquez, Betty

Wessley, Delores Waller Worrell.

Others Present: Mercedes Torres, Sgt. Tyree Bacon.

Renaming of the Corner of East 147th Street & Wales Avenue to Doris Torres

Ms. Mercedes Torres said that Doris Torres is my only sister that passed away at the World Trade Center tragedy. She did get to make it our but unfortunately because of her burns she succumbed to her injuries five days later. With Mr. Tyree Bacon we have a very strong connection because he was the last person to see her. I believe he saved her as well as she saved him.

I'm requesting and asking for this because I believe not only had she saved Sgt. Bacon but several other people for had she had not come back screaming the people's names that sat in her area a lot of them would have perished.

Sgt. Tyree Bacon currently assigned to Queens Supreme Court said that on September 11, 2001 I was assigned 100 Centre Street lower Manhattan Supreme Court. As we all know on that horrific day our great nation and city came under attack. We know that there were hundreds perhaps thousands of hero's Police Officer, Fire Fighters and Court Officers. But there were many unsung heroes citizens of this great city that stepped up and did the right thing for no other reason than it was the right thing to do. People have called me hero because I ultimately brought Doris out of the building. We were just outside the collapsed zone in the Mall area when Tower

Two came down we were blown across the floor approximately 100 feet with zero visibility it was horrible. Had it not been for Doris I would have probably would have curled up in a fetal position cried for my Mother and waited to die. Doris gave me the strength to continue on and she is my hero personally.

As a result of my surviving I'm now the married Father of three young children. I served in the United States Air Force served overseas and now retired from the reserves.

The one thing that I feel compelled to bring to the Board's attention prior to Tower Two getting hit Doris as Mercedes has said went back up and prior to evacuating the building she took it upon herself to check cubicles and restrooms to see that her fellow co-workers had existed the building. She didn't have to it was very selfless of her. Doris is one of many unsung heroes that we hear about and I support her family's request.

Motion made to approve the renaming of East 147th Street & Wales Avenue, between Wales & Tinton Avenues to Doris Torres. Motion duly seconded. Called and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.