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Municipal, Sanitation & Environmental Justice Services Committee Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Ngande Ambroise, Committee Chairperson

Introductions and Meeting Agenda

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise welcomes everyone and initiates introductions.
- Board members and other participants introduce themselves, including Artel Your Tez, Andrew Diaz, Taylor Richards, Jonathan Flynn, Anthony Jordan, Kevin Perez, Harry Francis, Andres Madrigal, and Josephine Fernandez-Byrne.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan reminds participants that the meeting is being recorded and streamed on social media platforms.
- Kevin Perez-Molina from the New York City DOT's Bronx Borough Commissioner's Office begins the presentation on the Port Morris Industrial Business Zone.

Overview of the Port Morris Industrial Business Zone Project

- Kevin Perez-Molina explains the background of the project, focusing on safety, sustainability, and expanding partnerships.
- The project aims to update the truck route network in response to Local Law 171, which requires improving truck route efficiency and safety.
- Proposed changes include adding local truck routes in the Port Morris area, such as East 138th Street, East 135th Street, and East 132nd Street.
- Kevin Perez-Molina highlights the need for safety enhancements due to high instances of truck-related crashes and the overlap with a senior area and bike connections.

Detailed Proposal and Safety Enhancements

- Kevin Perez-Molina presents the proposal for one-way conversions of Walnut Avenue and Locust Avenue to improve vehicle maneuverability and reduce conflicts.
- The proposal includes hardened vertical elements and no-standing regulations at select intersections to improve visibility.
- Member Josephine Fernandez-Byrne discusses the importance of including community members in walkthroughs to gather accurate data.
- Kevin Perez-Molina explains the benefits of the proposed changes, such as reducing side swipes and improving vehicle movement and circulation.

Impact on Bus Routes and Community Concerns

- Member Josephine Fernandez-Byrne discusses the impact of the one-way conversions on the BX 33 bus route, including the need to move two bus stops.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan raises concerns about the impact on residential units and businesses, particularly regarding lighting and safety.
- Kevin Perez-Molina explains that the data showed more traffic going southbound on Walnut Avenue, justifying the one-way conversion.
- Community members express concerns about truck parking and double parking, and Perez acknowledges the need for enforcement and monitoring.

Enforcement and Monitoring

- District Manager Anthony Jordan inquiries about the enforcement mechanisms, including cameras and NYPD involvement.
- Kevin Perez-Molina explains that they will work closely with NYPD for enforcement and will monitor the project post-implementation.
- Community members express concerns about the economic impact on businesses and the need for adequate lighting at bus stops.
- Kevin Perez-Molina and the committee discussed the importance of protecting the investments made in the project and ensuring the safety of the community.

Street Co-Renaming Process and Community Board Responsibilities

- District Manager Anthony Jordan discusses the process for street co-renaming applications and the importance of community buy-in.
- The committee emphasizes the need for applicants to meet basic criteria, such as petition signatures, before the application is considered.
- The committee plans to conduct additional training sessions to ensure a thorough understanding of the street co-renaming process.
- The importance of maintaining the integrity of the community board's decision-making process is highlighted.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Committee Chair Ngande Ambroise emphasizes the need for applicants to meet basic criteria before the application is considered.
- The committee discusses the importance of community engagement and the role of the community board in the street co-renaming process.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan provides an overview of the timeline for street co-renaming applications and the role of the city council.
- The meeting concludes with a motion to adjourn, seconded by a committee member.

Action Items

- **Share detailed crash data and contributing-factor analysis for the Port Morris IBZ project area (five-year crash dataset and breakdown of factors causing severe injuries) with the community board and district manager**
- **Provide bus-stop lighting, ridership/boarding counts, and assessment of likely economic impact to nearby businesses from the proposed BX33 stop relocations and reroute**
- **Schedule and coordinate a summer (late summer) on-site walkthrough of the project area with DOT project staff, community board members, and local stakeholders to observe peak-season conditions**
- **Follow up with MTA/transit staff and publish guidance on the after-10pm 'request stop' policy and bus-camera/bus-lane enforcement rules for community distribution**
- **Provide project cost estimate, implementation timeline, and proposed camera/enforcement locations or criteria for the Port Morris IBZ street changes (to be shared at a follow-up/summer meeting)**

- **Convene an internal staff meeting (Anthony Jordan, Steven Palmers, Ivana, Julia and others) soon to prepare street co-renaming guidance, application review criteria, and training for the committee**