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MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

September 9, 2019

Present: M. Velazquez, R. Baez, R. Bieder, T. Accomando, H. Acampora, M. Morris, D. Noble, C. Papastefanou, Peter Del-Debbio, J. Landi, M. Cruz

Absent: A. Chirico

Guests: R. Infante, J. Colazzi, J. Certes, K. Shinsanka, A. Reisman, F. Richanawy, E. Sementilli, L. Rocco, M. Allard

The committee began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 P.M.

The Committee discussed the following street activity permit which was unanimously approved by a motion proposed by Mr. Bieder and Ms. Baez.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the following street activity permit be forwarded to the full Board for approval:

Throggs Neck Halloween Parade, Block Party, Saturday, October 26, 2019, Noon to 4:00 PM, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM including setup and breakdown, Throggs Neck Boulevard between Harding Avenue and Schurz Avenue, contact: John Collazzi”

The second agenda item was KOOP Base License Renewal which seeks a letter of no objection to its taxi service in the Pelham Bay and Co-op City communities. It was mentioned that the committee historically has had no objections with its operation and recognizes its vehicles servicing the Co-op City area. A motion to accept the request for a letter of no objection will be forwarded to the full Board for approval.

“Resolved...at the recommendation of the Municipal Services Committee of Bronx Community Board #10 that the request for a letter of no objection to be forwarded to the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission concerning the renewal of a base license for KOOP Kars be forwarded to the full Board for approval.”

The third agenda item was made by Rolando Infante of Con Edison. Con Edison will begin actively installing nearly 5 million smart meters throughout the city and Westchester county. Some of the benefits of the new meter will be that users will be able to see their energy use in 15 minutes increments and can view energy use daily. There will be no more estimated bills nor meter reading. Mr. Infante informed that the new smart meters will restore power faster if there is an outage. Mr. Infante took questions and concerns from the Committee Members on radiation transmission, whether or not if Con Edison will install meters inside of the property if it

is currently on the exterior and if homeowners had to be present in order to have the device installed. Mr. Infante assured that the committee that the answers to these questions will be provided just after the meeting and to follow-up with District Manager Cruz.

The fourth agenda item was the discussion of the imminent watermain project occurring on the Throggs Neck Expressway Service Road near the Edgewater Park community and along Prentiss and Miles Avenues. The project starts in mid-September with a completion date of January 2020. Several concerns were raised about the project's proximity to Edgewater Park and whether water shutdowns will affect homeowners frequently. DDC officials confirmed that water shutdowns will take place between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. DDC promised to work with the Community Board on how best to preserve the roadway just in time for the Veterans Parade to ensure everyone's safety along the parade route. The Community Board has the contact information of the DDC community liaison to share with committee members and the public. The District Manager and/or committee chairperson will report on the progress of the project each month.

The committee elected to hold public speaking after each agenda item or at the discretion of the committee chairperson by a resolution proposed R. Bieder and seconded by D. Noble which was unanimously approved.

Two old business items included issues and concerns at the Evers Marina and the Edwards Avenue Block Party. There is alleged illegal activity at Evers Marina which the committee instructed the District Manager to contact Captain Thomas Fraser of the 45th Precinct. The Edwards Avenue Block Party occurred in early August 2019 and had illegal fireworks take place. The District Manager was assigned to contact the permit holder.

The meeting ended just after 9 P.M. by a vote of adjournment proposed by R. Baez and seconded by R. Bieder.