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**Joseph Russo**  
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### **Municipal Services**

**May 12, 2021 7:30 P.M.**

**Via Cisco WEBEX**

**Present:** M. Velazquez, P. Del-Debbio, D. Noble, R. Bieder, T. Accomando, H. Acampora, M. Caruso, R. Baez, G. Havranek, M. Morris, M. Sajous, S. Woods, M. Bufano, C. Isales

**Absent:** J. Landi, R. Baez

**Guests:** R. Infante, K. Daloia, S. Kropper, Y. Ramsaywack (NYCDOT), K. Kalb (NYCDOT), B. Lee, D. Kawalick, R. Ashe, K. McLaughlin, M. Penta, E. Vasquez, C. Contino, R. Smith, E. Vasquez, D. Cruz (NYCDOT), A. Keating, L. Gordon-Koven (NYCDOT), P. Jones, S. Cooper, R. Infante, Y. Cruz, M. Kaess, J. Chiaromonte, G. Tweedy, C. Gonzalez (NYCT), D. Powers, R. Thompson

Chairperson Velazquez commenced the meeting at 7:05 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance. NYC DOT presented its new e-scooter pilot program which will occur in northeast Bronx communities such as Co-op City. E-scooters are devices with handlebars with electric motors. The speed limit is 15 miles per hour. Riders should follow all traffic laws such as not riding on sidewalks. Most e-scooter share is dock less. One can unlock the scooters through smartphone app. NYCDOT has selected Bird, Lime and Veo to participate in pilot program. Phase 1 includes Co-op City. Phase 2 includes Throggs Neck, Pelham Bay and Westchester Square. There will be operating restrictions in slow zones, no-ride zones, and temporal restrictions – in matters when the e-scooter crosses a boundary or during inclement weather. The community reporting tool will enable members of the public to report improperly parked e-scooters or dangerous rider behavior. There will be sidewalk parking corrals in Co-op City and Westchester Square (14). This will help to minimize clutter on sidewalks. NYCDOT will accept input from the public for a corral.

Con Edison presented the Locust Point Gas Main Replacement. It is all underground work. Con Edison will work with all residents to make all contingencies plans before going underneath. Work will go from Monday through Saturday.

The second NYCDOT presented centered on the Pelham Bay Park Station area. The Better Bus Initiative in 2019 endeavored to increase bus speeds by 25%. NYCDOT identified 10 high priority areas that examined demand, bus performance, service levels, neighborhood demographics and feasibility of implementation. The current issues are buses having stops at same blocks which cause confusion. There is a lack of crosswalks and due to the streets features bus rounds are circuitous. The contra lane is a feature to be used in this area. It will help to relocate the select bus stop to Westchester Avenue at Bruckner Boulevard. There will be no directional changes for vehicles. Emergency vehicles may use bus lane. There will be expanded sidewalks at Westchester Avenue. There will be stop signs when buses

make a left turn on to Bruckner Boulevard. NYCDOT looks to build concrete sidewalk extension in Summer 2021. Contra bus flow lanes will be designed shortly after. Committee Members were concerned with the danger of such a narrow street such as Burr Avenue and the feature of the contra lane. There is a concern of the loss of parking spaces for commuters.

The committee reviewed all street activity permits. There was a brief discussion on the newest street activity permit requested by St. Helena's Church. It will be a full street closure that will require communication between the 43<sup>rd</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> and Community Board 9. Petitions will be required from businesses along this strip.

The motions below proposed by M. Velazquez and seconded by R. Bieder to support the following events. Both were unanimously approved:

- ID# 568971, Glebe Avenue Block Party
- ID# 570457, Community Health Day – Block Party Mammogram truck/blood drive/Back to School items for kids

The following motion was proposed by M. Velazquez and seconded by A. Chirico. It was approved by M. Velazquez, A. Chirico, M. Caruso, P. Del-Debbio, D. Noble and M. Morris. R. Bieder recused himself.

- ID# 568971, Glebe Avenue Block Party

The following events were tabled to the June Municipal Services Committee meeting. It was proposed by M. Velazquez and R. Bieder and unanimously approved.

- ID# 572116, St. Helena's Summer Fair – Single Block Festival
- ID# 572125, St. Helena's Fall Fair – Single Block Festival

M. Caruso discussed an old business item regarding the Gateway Project and the staging area for the Con Edison gas project. M. Caruso spoke with Borough Commissioner Lopez about the use of the space and whether the site is being improperly used by the private owner where rent is being collected for storing the vehicles. M. Caruso wants Borough Commissioner Lopez to appear at next month's meeting.

R. Bieder commended the performance of Committee Chairperson Velazquez as chairperson of the meeting. The committee meeting adjourned by vote of adjournment at 9:40 P.M. which was unanimously supported by all in attendance.