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Joseph Russo Chairperson

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Municipal Services

CISCO WEBEX Meeting

Present: J. Russo, M. Velazquez, R. Bieder, H. Acampora, A. Chirico, D. Noble, I. Guanill, J. Landi, T. Accomando, P. Del-Debbio, R. Baez

Absent: Christos Papastefanou

Guests: K. Graziano, J. Gallardo, S. Betsale, V. Christini, N. DeLorenzo, J. Cohen, Z. Piccolo, R. Miranda

The meeting commenced at 7:35PM with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairperson Velazquez.

Street activity permits (below) was the first agenda item. It is annual Westchester Square BID event. Because of the pandemic, it is scheduled for Saturday, October 10. The motion to support this SAP was proposed by R. Bieder and seconded by H. Acampo and unanimously approved by all.

STREET ACTIVITY PERMITS

Event ID: 541343: Fair @ Square, Single Block Festival (condensed version), Saturday, October 10, 2020, 10 AM to 6 PM; including set up and breakdown: 8 AM to 8 PM; East Tremont Avenue between Frisby Avenue and St. Raymond Avenue, Contact: Yasmin Cruz/Todd Berman.

The NYC Economic Development Corporation officials presented on the incoming Ferry Service at Ferry Point Park. The parking lot will be fully resurfaced. It will have over two-hundred free parking spaces. There will be a shuttle from the parking lot to the landing dock. It is roughly a fifteen-minute walk. The construction of the ferry service is to commence next year. Committee Members asked questions regarding co-locating a harbor patrol unit and for Ferry Point Park West to have a path to the ferry from the Harding Avenue area. Parks Department officials are reviewing this request. Committee Members expressed interest of weekend service to Hart Island which NYC EDC said was not currently in the proposal but warranted further review. Committee Members expressed the need for more lighting for those who intend to use the ferry at night. There were points made on how often the parking lot is full on weekends. The NYC EDC is working with the MTA NYCT on extending a bus route to the area for those looking to commute on the ferry.

K. Graziano made the final presentation on Flood Watch Training. Areas of the city experience often flooding on local streets. Ms. Graziano's organization monitors such issues by photos in hopes of showing city agencies that its lack of response is only hurting the communities it seeks to protect. Committee Members expressed support for the organization and its work. Historically, the northeast Bronx communities have not received any resources regarding storm protection.

Old business items were updates on the road diet and bus bulbs. M. Velazquez mentioned there is support for a street renaming for Miles Avenue and East Tremont for the owner of Miles Coffee Bar. Petition signatures will be collected. M. Caruso mentioned the issue of 155 Pilot Street and expects to see the traffic study mentioned during Housing and Zoning.