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January 9, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

PRESENT: Joseph Thurston, Co-Chair; Joseph Bacote, Daisy Rodriguez, Frano Zagreda, Cecilia Haas.

EXCUSED: Vincent Prezioso, Chair

ABSENT: Rabbi Moshe Fuchs

STAFF: Chris Kirka, CB11 Community Associate.

GUESTS: Salvador Batista, Andrea Morabito, Amanda Morabito, Jessica Linzalone, Don D'Allara, Michael Lanzalone, Dean Hoffman, Debby Kawalick

Mr. Thurston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Traffic Light Request – Bronxdale & Pierce Aves. There was no discussion of this because the proponent of this request was not present. However Chris Kirka provided background saying that he contacted Mr. Kalb of DOT who said a light would not be added due to the proximity of other existing lights. No traffic study is planned.
2. Street Naming Request by Dean Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman asked to have a section of Laconia Ave between Stell Place and Waring Avenues named in memory of Joseph Morabito. He said Mr. Morabito had been born and raised at 2335 Laconia Ave and had served in the military, NYPD and Federal Police. His last employment was with the State Dept working in Iraq and Afghanistan – where he was unfortunately killed in 2013. Mr. Morabito's family including wife and children were also present. Mr. Thurston asked for petitions that were submitted to be expanded to include more residents of the streets affected, and also to include the addresses of those signing. A bio has already been submitted to the CB11 office. Mr. Thurston asked that

CB11 Office staff provide the NYC criteria for memorial street naming's. Assuming such guidelines have been met, the Transportation Committee will not oppose this request, and a vote will be taken at the January 19th full board meeting.

3. Letter request for Approach Car Service LLC, 2704 Williamsbridge Rd.

Sal Batista, General Manager of Approach Car Service LLC appeared seeking the Committee's support of a letter of support from CB 11 for a new car service he is developing. He aims to improve transportation for the community and to provide jobs with a professional service. Cars (8 at present) are owned by the Company and drivers and other staff will be on payroll, with benefits, etc. Service will be 24/7 and Mr. Batista has already leased a garage to keep the cars off the street. He already is COO of Approach Quality Transportation which is a black-car service and is familiar with the business and the community. Motion by Joseph Thurston; seconded by Frano Zagreda -- that CB 11 write letter in support of licensing of Approach Car Service LLC.
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

4. Old Business – None

5. New Business – Street Activity Permit Request from Emmaus Bible Chapel, 1250 E. Gun Hill Rd.

This request is for a street closure of Throop Ave between Burke Ave & E. Gun Hill Rd. to run from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM from Sunday July 23 to Sunday July 30 (except Saturday July 29). It is described as: "7 nights of gospel outreach". Chris Kirka will call the NYC Event Management Office to see if such a schedule would be approved. If so, he will advise applicant to attend next Transportation Committee meeting. If not, he will suggest the application be revised to meet NYC guidelines, with subsequent appearance at a committee meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cecilia Haas