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**May 1, 2017 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

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**PRESENT:** Vincent Prezioso, Chair; Joseph Bacote, Rabbi Fuchs, Daisy Rodriguez, Frano Zagreda, Cecilia Haas

**EXCUSED:** Joseph Thurston, Co-Chair

**STAFF:** Chris Kirka, CB11 Community Associate.

**GUESTS:** Howard Martin & Corina Pintor of Bronx House, Daneen Gazzola, Rich Giannotti, Hazel Miura, Nivardo Lopez – Bronx Boro Commissioner, Matt Arancio, Julio Palleiro, Keith Kalb & Nelson Gonzalez of DOT.

1. Street Activity Permits – Mr. Prezioso reviewed NYC guidelines with applicants for:
  - 6/3 Bronxwood Ave – Sumer Kick Off – Hazel Miura
  - 8/26 Cruger Ave – Back to School Program – Nelson Gonzalez
  - 7/22 Paulding Ave – Block Party – Daneen Gazzola
  - 7/15 Haight Ave – Block Party – Rick Giannotti
  - 9/16 Pelham Pkwy South – Bronx House Fun Day – Howard Martin and Corina Pintor

Based on their stated compliance with all guidelines the Committee will recommend approval of their SA Permits. In the case of Bronx House Fun Day, Committee recommendation will be held until Chris Kirka seeks clarification from NYC agency re the feasibility of closing the Pelham Pkwy So service road.

The Transportation Committee will not recommend approval of the SA applications of Eastchester Presbyterian Church (6/24), Hone Avenue Block Party (7/22) and Dianna’s Block Party (8/5) as applicants did not appear at the meeting. Motion by Frano Zagreda, seconded by Joseph Bacote – recommend approval of SA permits for those who were present; except for a conditional approval for Bronx House depending upon outcome of feasibility

review to close Pelham Pkwy So service road. Committee seconds disapproval or tabling of those applications for which no one appeared. UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

2. Presentation of NYC DOT re: Proposed Pedestrian Safety Improvements to Boston Road from Waring Avenue to Pelham Parkway North

Julio Palleiro of the DOT spoke of impetus for proposed improvements such as:

- crash history
- limited view turning areas
- insufficient or non-existent pedestrian crossings
- bus stops with no direct pedestrian access
- misalignment of turning lanes
- missing road markings

The DOT proposes:

- new traffic signals
- new pedestrian crosswalks and safety islands
- altered turning patterns
- adjusting misaligned roadways
- bus stop relocation

Benefits:

- new and safer pedestrian crossings
- traffic calming
- clarified traffic movements
- improved bus stop locations

Mr. Palleiro stressed that there will be no loss of lanes or parking. In discussion it was stated that similar issues in the vicinity of Pelham Pkwy No and White Plains Road are not in proposal because they will be considered after Pelham Pkwy No construction is completed.

Mr. Palleiro responded positively to Daisy Rodriguez's question about increasing greenery in newly paved areas and sidewalks by saying they will consider the addition of planters. Motion by Vincent Prezioso to recommend approval of DOT's recommended safety improvements on Boston Road from

Waring Avenue to Pelham Parkway North. Seconded by Frano Zagreda. UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

3. Old Business – none
4. New Business – Rabbi Fuchs suggested that DOT consider ways to better direct traffic to go to the Bronx River Parkway North or Bronx Park East via directional signage.
5. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cecilia Haas