Transportation Committee Meeting
March 1, 2021
Webex Meetings

MINUTES

PRESENT: Frano Zagreda (Chair), Daisy Rodriguez (Co-chair), Debra Kawalick and Lisa Soto

ABSENT: Christian Amato and Rabbi Fuchs

STAFF: Chris Kirka (Community Coordinator)

GUEST(s): Commissioner Nivardo Lopez, Deputy Borough Commissioner Keith Kalb, Director of Bronx Community Affairs Matthew Arancio, Community Coordinator Holly Malone, Bike and Greenway Unit Deputy Director Shawn Macias, Senior Project Manager Nick Carey, Project Manager Zach Wyche and Borough Planner Darisa Cruz (New York City DOT: Department of Transportation), Crime Prevention Officer Tyrone Mederos (New York City Police Department), and Kevin Daloia and Michael Kaess (members of the public)

Meeting was called to order.

1. Review of January and February 2021 Meeting Minutes
   Both sets of minutes were approved.

2. New York City Department of Transportation
   a. Follow up to 2018 presentation on Bronxdale Avenue to address unsafe intersections and high speeds.
   b. The presentation was a draft of redesign of Bronxdale avenue from Bronx Park East to East Tremont avenue.
   c. DOT says that this presentation is the first draft, and they intend to engage multiple stakeholders along Bronxdale including the schools, medical facility, Maestro’s, Con Edison, Morris Park Community Association and others.
   d. The proposed plan converts 4 lanes to 2 with turn bays, painted islands, and protected bike lanes.
   e. 60 parking spots will be lost. DOT will investigate adding a few additional spots after concerns were raised.

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f. Other concerns from the committee and public included: ADA compliance, double parking, school drop off, and new traffic pattern in front of the medical center.

3. Public Space Re-Naming/Street Co-Naming Application
   a. Lisa volunteered to compare and outline the city requirements and community board requirements for street naming for review at the next committee meeting.
   b. The committee can then review the differences in requirements and vote on any changes to propose to the full board.

4. Gallery Session
   a. Members of the public voiced both praise and concerns for the DOT proposal.

5. Old Business
   a. The post construction temporary double yellow lines have faded away on Stillwell Avenue from the Hutchinson River Pkwy to the Pelham Pkwy service and on Astor Avenue from Stillwell Avenue to Morgan Avenue. Debby will follow up with the DOT Commissioner Nivardo.

6. New Business
   a. Unsafe turns are being made onto Ely Avenue between Waring Avenue and Gun Hill Road due to a lack of signage indicating that it is a one-way street. Debby will follow up with DOT Commissioner Nivardo.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.