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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 9, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance:
 - A) Members in attendance include: Lowell Green, Samelys Lopez, Nilsa Cintron, William Francis
 - B) Absent and/or Excused include: Adaline Walker-Santiago (Excused), Lisa Sills-Short
- II) The Chair opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.
 - A) Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) Presentation:
 - 1) Emily Genser from the TLC gave a presentation on the new Boro Taxi or Green Taxi Program. This program is for new licensing of taxicabs that will service northern Manhattan, Brooklyn, Queens, The Bronx, and Staten Island. 6,000 licenses were already issued and an additional 6,000 should be issued in July. The goal is 18,000 new licenses over a three year period.
 - B) Highlights of Program:
 - 1) These Taxis can legally be hailed from the street within any of the five boroughs except in Manhattan below West 110th St and East 96th St.
 - 2) These Taxis will have meters and have the same yellow taxi rate. If one call's a local car service for a green cab, the driver must input the car service's fare into the meter.
 - 3) These Boro Taxis will be green in color, have roof light to indicate if it's available(meaning less honking), GPS (making it easier to locate lost property), and a credit/debit card reader. In addition, 20% of all Boro Taxi licenses sold are restricted for wheelchair accessible vehicles.
 - 4) These Taxis will be inspected by TLC twice per year. In addition, these taxis will have a unique license number that can be used to file a complaint / commendation or retrieve lost property.
 - 5) A base owner can have only one Boro Taxi license and five (5) licenses for wheelchair accessible vehicles for a total of six (6) licenses. An individual owner can only have 1 Boro Taxi license.
 - 6) The program is looking for locations that could become Taxi Waiting Zones.
 - 7) There are 3 companies in CB7 that are bases for green taxi; Prestige, Diplo, Kiss
 - C) Discussion of traffic future for CB7:
 - 1) This means all kinds of transportation will be talked about at Committee meetings and how things can be looked at in a different light. At the December Committee Meeting, the question was asked:



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Why do NYC buses not have outside bus rack in front or back of the bus? The Chair received the follow answerer from the MTA. "In the interest of customer safety and comfort, as well as potential liability, bicycles are not permitted on MTA New York City Transit or MTA Bus Company buses. Installation of bicycle racks on the exterior of buses is not feasible because the extra length would pose operational safety hazards. The only bicycles permitted on our buses must be foldable, thereby not causing passenger interference".

- 2) There was a discussion of the need for bike racks at certain location. The Chair said that DOT could install bike racks if the location met certain requirements i.e. did not block pedestrian traffic etc. It was suggested that a request should go to the Economic Development Committee that when a new CB7 resource map is created that the location of bike racks be noted.

III) New Business:

- A) DOT will make a presentation at the February 13, 2013 committee meeting on changes that will happen with the installation of the Norwood Slow Zone.
- B) Transportation Alternatives will be coming to the February 13, 2014 committee meeting.
- C) Ms. Lopez handed out an information sheet on "Vision Zero", an awareness campaign to reduce the number of deaths/serious injuries on NYC streets. The Chair asked all to read it and be prepared to discuss it at the February committee meeting.

IV) Other Issues / Follow ups:

- A) Elizabeth Thompson has started a new business and let samples of the coffee, Tea and Hot Chocolate on table
- B) A Yonkers Resident, whom received 5 bus-lanes tickets came to the meeting. He currently lives in Yonkers and the bus company he works for is located in Mt.Vernon. Chairperson Green told him to have his boss write a letter to Diaz.

V) Meeting ended at 8:30pm.