

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

ATTENDANCE:

D. ABRAHAM	J. ARMER	W. BLUM
S. LONIAL	S. MATHEWS	E. MCCLURE
T. MISKEL	M. MURPHY	M. SILVERMAN
R. SLOANE	J. THOMPSON	

EXCUSED:

R. RIGOLLI	U. ZIMMERMAN
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ABSENT:

J. COHN	D. DECOSTANZO	D. GIULIANO
D. GORDON	R. GRAHAM	A. KRASNOW
J. OLTMAN SMITH		

GUESTS:

CAPT. NATALIE MALDONADO – COMMANDING OFFICER 76TH PRECINCT
HON. GENINE EDWARDS – KINGS COUNTY SUPREME COURT ACTING JUSTICE
H. ENRY GREENIDGE – CB6 LIAISON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

*****MINUTES*****

Introduction and discussion with new Commanding Officer for the 76th Police Precinct, Captain Natalie Maldonado.

The meeting was called to order at 6:38pm with a welcome to the new Commanding Officer of the 76th Precinct, Captain Natalie Maldonado.

Captain Maldonado has over 20 years on the job, recently in Transit. She was also the Executive Officer of South Brooklyn Narcotics, Executive Officer of the 79th Precinct and in the 84th Precinct before that. All her experience is in Brooklyn – lots of pride in the borough.

Q. Will the 76th Precinct emphasize Right-of-Way law?

A. Yes, we need to enforce hazardous activity. Vision Zero is saving lives and my predecessor, Captain Lenz, focused on it too.

Q. Red lights and wrong way, one way in Red Hook – Deliveries especially. Please address.

Q. How many red lights in the 76th?

A. One at Hamilton Avenue and Clinton Street.

Q. Unlicensed electric bikes?

A. It is summonsable. She'll look into it.

Q. Car break-ins around Smith Street?

A. She'll look into it but make sure she reports it.

Q. Does the 76th Precinct have a Twitter presence?

A. Yes, been tweeting already.

Captain Maldonado introduced new officers and Detective Paul Grudzinski, one of the Community Affairs Officers. She encouraged visits to the 76th Precinct monthly meetings.

Presentation and discussion with Kings County Supreme Court Acting Justice Hon. Genine Edwards on the role of the Civil Court.

Justice Edwards has been a Judge for over 10 years. The Civil Court is located at 141 Livingston Street in Downtown Brooklyn. The court handles cases of \$25,000 or less. It is called “people’s court” because many people are self-represented. It also houses Housing Court and Small Claims Court (up to \$5,000). There is not always a trial, often times they settle by stipulation.

Q. Are there nights for Small Claims Court?

A. Only if the budget changes. Right now it’s just one night a week, not each night.

Introduction and discussion with new district liaison to the Department of Transportation, Henry Greenidge.

Mr. Greenidge has extensive transportation experience at the Federal level. They are still looking for a coordinator to replace Chris Hrones. Mr. Greenidge is the interim liaison.

Conversation now about 4th Avenue medians. Will likely meet with CB6 in March – willing to have as many community meetings as needed.

Released Borough Pedestrian Action Plan today. Moving to a data driven agency but still looking to address complaints. It is a plan not a solution.

Q. Are DOT complaints also made public like 311 complaints?

Q. Citibike expansion? Jerry Armer asked for consultation with the Community Board. Initial rollout didn’t have enough consultation. Send CB the full list. DOT understands previous mistakes.

Q. Neighborhood Slow Zones – Eric McClure asked for renewed discussion on gateway treatments especially.

Q. Third Avenue at Third Street – Whole Foods – Deputy Commission has it on top of his mind and there is activity on it with DOT studies.

Q. Faded markings – DOT acknowledges it is still an issue. Likely ramp up painting efforts but they still follow same methods as before.

Brooklyn is the first borough to get its old Cobrahead lights entirely replaced by 2016.

Other Business:

A motion was made by Jerry Armer to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on December 11, 2014 and seconded by Bill Blum.

MOTION APPROVED: UNANIMOUSLY

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.

The minutes were submitted by David Abraham.