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Queens Community Board 11

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Little Neck and Oakland Gardens

Eileen Miller Chairperson / **Joseph Marziliano** District Manager

COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: All Board Members
FROM: Victor Dadras, Committee Chair
RE: Various Transportation Issues
DATE: November 27, 2019

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019, the CB11 Transportation Committee met to discuss several issues. Present were Board Members, Eileen Miller, Chair, Christine Haider, 1st Vice Chair, Victor Dadras, 2nd Vice Chair and Transportation Committee Chair, Henry Euler, 3rd Vice Chair, Committee Members Stephan Popa, Roy Giusetti, Mary Donahue, Allan Palzer, Laura James, John Kelly, Ben Turner, Barbara Gillespie and Joan Garippa. Also in attendance was Joseph Marziliano, District Manager. Several Hunter College students attended as well: Jaime Cho, Carlos Martinez, Ken Rivas, Jesslyn Moser, Jason Prory and Amanda Compelo. Also present was resident Sergio Romero.

Mr. Dadras called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and opened with a statement to the Committee: *re-confirming that our Committee was committed to operating in an open and transparent manner, with the stated priorities of street SAFETY, for all modes of travel (Complete Streets); EQUITY –for all of CB11 residents and businesses, etc.; and ACCESSIBILITY –for all, to all types of transportation destinations. He specifically asked all members of the Transportation Committee to send him e-mails with their personal input on our committee agenda, including their priorities, and their interests, etc.

He next confirmed, by reading aloud, the letter that would be sent out to the various Civic Associations which had been voted upon at the October Transportation Committee Meeting, requesting that Civic groups work through the CB11 Transportation Committee for traffic and safety improvement requests.

The Committee is still awaiting information from the DOT regarding traffic studies at P.S. 94 and P.S. 98, but the DOT has confirmed that our request(s) were received and sent to the School Safety Division, for a response, and they acknowledge that “time is critical factor” for responses to proposed school safety improvements.

The Committee then discussed and reviewed a revised Resolution drafted by Mr. Popa for improved Rail Road Service. One edit was suggested by the committee, as a matter of fact, that the One Metro New York (OMNY) system would be going live in 2021 instead of 2023. Another edit included specific mention that the proposal would impact senior citizen residents, and students, and discussion confirmed that these groups were an important

priority for our area, and must be considered. Mrs. Haider moved to recommend the resolution be brought before the full Board for consideration at the January 2020 general meeting, but that it be received by Monday, December 2, 2019, seconded by Mr. Euler. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dadras reiterated to the Committee that lower level requests on individual streets, not including one-way conversions, would be referred to the CB 11 staff to request through the DOT and tracked on an individual basis, with coordination by the Committee chair, and updates/ reports to the Committee. Several specific street safety location requests, and issues were raised which will all be handled from the CB 11 office, as discussed.

An informational presentation was given from Hunter College Planning Students titled *Research to Support Future Mobility Improvements Within the Neighborhoods of CB11 / Bike & Pedestrian Infrastructure*. In the slide presentation, a preliminary report of their semester's process and work was shown to the committee. Their research aims to understand the current transportation issues and bicycle lane network, potential points of interest, and priorities for connections: to schools, parks, transit, and local businesses; and finally to propose new potential bicycle lane and pedestrian routes to overlay in a coordinated, comprehensive plan, which would be most useful to the entire community. There was a long and very spirited discussion, by many Committee members, with important and varying points of view, on many issues –which provided the requested “input” to the student's study. The students will return with a final result of their findings at a future date –to be determined.

As a matter of New Business, Mr. Turner stated that he would like the Committee to Consider a Bicycle Lane Workshop with the DOT in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.