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District Manager, Marie Adam-Ovide

PUBLIC HEARING: Holliswood Transportation/Traffic Issues

DATE: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

PLACE: Community Board 8 Office

197-15 Hillside Avenue

Hollis, NY 11423

ATTENDANCE: Howard A. Fried, Area 7 Chair

Jesse Rosenbaum, Transportation Committee Chair

Susan Cleary, Board Member Kevin Forrestal, Board Member Marc A. Haken, Board Member

Others in attendance: Davinder P. Singh representing Councilman Barry Grodenchik

Linda Valentino - Holliswood Civic Association, President

Marie Adam-Ovide, CB 8 District Manager

Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff Member

Residents: Lynette Donaldson, Brenetta Blackwell, Roger Donaldson, Jann

McKanic, Teekaram Singh, Richard Legarda, Vic Lalljel, Claudette Bryant, Kurt E. Hoppe, Karen Odaira, Hiro Odaira, Francis Valentino, Carmen Patrick, Melissa Gardiner Seawright,

Purpose of Public Hearing

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss two Transportation/Traffic Issues in Holliswood: (1) installation of speed bump on Foothill Avenue between 191st Street and 193rd Street to slow down speeding cars during rush hour, (2) change of traffic flow direction on 191st Street from Foothill Avenue to Hillside Avenue from northbound to southbound, with a "NO LEFT TURN" sign on Hillside Avenue. Traffic should then revert to two-way operation from Foothill Avenue to Palo Alto Avenue.

Transportation Committee Chair Jesse Rosenbaum called this Public Hearing to order at 7:30 p.m. He introduced the Board Members present and explained the procedure of the Hearing. He explained that Howard A. Fried is the Area Chair of the area where the changes are being requested.

Public Participation

Prior to having public participation, Mr. Rosenbaum explained that the Board received these requests and they are aware of the situation. This meeting is being held for residents to voice their concerns. Speakers may speak on both issues. They have to state whether they are in favor or against the request and explain why. They will try to be accommodating, a decision will be made and a recommendation will be presented to the Board of Directors of Community Board 8 and also to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

He reminded everyone that if they turn 191st Street going north instead of going south, they will have the same issues with cars going through in the afternoon instead of the morning. The one thing that would be helpful and would alleviate that is to put a "No Left Turn" sign at both, the bottom of 191st Street and 193rd Street for cars that are trying to bypass 188th Street will have no benefit to making a left turn onto Hillside Avenue going east because we will try to restrict that. If cars are not allowed a way to get out onto Hillside Avenue going east, we are trying to avoid them from using your area [to audience]. We cannot turn 193rd Street into a one-way because you have that very wide street there. If we can find a way to accommodate you with the direction of the street, then there is no need for a speed hump which has a whole series of issues. You will be very unhappy if you eventually get it (i.e. hearing cars all night going over the speed bump, increased pollution as cars stop and start engine, issue with emergency vehicles approaching an emergency etc.).

He mentioned to everyone that they all have the right to speak at this public hearing. In the event that a speaker is going to say the same thing as the previous speaker, either in favor or against, just state that you agree with the previous speaker, since we have plenty of speakers on the list. He asked if anyone had any procedural questions prior to starting public participation.

<u>Jann McKanic</u> – [To Mr. Rosenbaum] – Where between 191st Street and 193rd Street is the speed bump going to be placed?

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – We don't make that determination. That is going to be done by DOT. If you decide that's what you want to do. I highly recommend against it but it is your street, you live on it. I can tell you, my colleague here (referring to Susan Cleary) didn't ask for them but got speed bumps on her street. She's been trying to get rid of them for years now (10 years). Once it is placed, they don't remove it.

Howard A. Fired – Even when they repayed the street, they put it back.

<u>Howard A. Fried</u> – [to audience] – I just want to add one thing to what Jesse said. There is no perfect solution. We are here to listen. Report back to the Board and come up with something that is best for everybody. With that in mind, let's start the public participation.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – [to audience] – Just to let you know, we all come to the same decision. We do exactly what you want. We go to the Community Board and DOT. They still can do what they want. Don't assume on your own that just because it goes through here whatever it is, will go through there.

Mr. Rosenbaum open the floor for public participation.

<u>Lynette Donaldson</u> – I live on Foothill Avenue between 191st Street and 193rd Street. We requested and filed the petition to have a speed bump put on Foothill Avenue because in the morning, I actually have video footage but I won't show you. In one minute, there is about 20 to 30 cars, 50-60 mph flying. We had two cars hit. In the morning, we can't get into our vehicles when we park them in front of our homes. There is a lot of elderly people on the block. It's very, very dangerous. Even when they see a pedestrian, they do not slow down. I am against also reversing the traffic because I think that all you're doing is bringing the same traffic in the evening. From 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. I counted, about 100 cars, without exaggeration. I stand on the side of my car when I park in front of my house and wait. I have to count 40 cars before I can open my car door and get in my car. It is a very serious situation. I am actually not against the speed bump. I know what you said, but I am also afraid I am going to get hit by a car, someone in my family or one of my neighbors.

<u>Brenetta Blackwell</u> – I live across the street, same block between 191st and 193rd Streets. I agree with what she said. In addition, if you reverse it, what you've done is expand the hours. What happens now is, we are only confined to this traffic, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. but if you reverse it the traffic will be all evening. The evening traffic extends longer than the morning rush hour so, it becomes a nightmare. My vehicle was hit on the block. The same thing with my sons, we I drop them off in the morning, I can't get back on the block because of the traffic. Again, if you turn it around, it's going to quadruple the problem.

<u>Linda Valentino</u> – To [Ms. Donaldson] – Excuse me, you are against the direction? Is that what you said? Answer: [Ms. Donaldson] – I am.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – To [Ms. Valentino] – Please direct your comments to us.

Answer: [Ms. Valentino] – I just wasn't sure. I wanted some clarification. I wanted to make some notes for my civic association. We talking about the speed bump and then they said about the change. That's what I wanted to clarify.

<u>Roger Donaldson</u> – Ms. Donaldson is my wife. I echoed what she said. It is a nightmare in the morning and it affects us. I am also against the two-way. Now, someone came by my house and asked me to sign. Answer: [Richard Legarda] – I did.

I misunderstood what you were trying to do. I didn't realize that you were going to ask for no left turn on Hillside Avenue. That will be a nightmare if that happens.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – To [Mr. Donaldson] – If you don't let them make a left turn, they won't have a benefit for going down the street that way. You're talking about turning the one-way in the other direction?

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Donaldson] – Yes.

I got you. I got three who said the same thing.

Howard A. Fried – To [*The Donaldson's*] – I have one question to both of you who spoke already. In terms of the no left turn. Any thought about that? I am just curious.

<u>Answer:</u> [Ms. Donaldson] – We've lived here for 30 years. They'll come through and they'll use Foothill Avenue as a shortcut. Stopping them from going to Hillside Avenue is not going to stop the traffic coming to Foothill Avenue.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – That is an issue of enforcement. We can ask the Police to enforce that. Which will be very effective for about a month. They'll be there for three days. Give a lot of tickets and people will come back to it. This has just been our experience.

Carlos & Annabelle Ramos – We live on Hillside Avenue on the corner of 191st Street. We are against the change of direction on 191st Street. It is actually going to overflow more traffic into Foothill Avenue and 193rd Street. Right now they use 191st Street to cut to the traffic in the morning which is more convenient for the people who actually live on the block on Hillside Avenue. If you close that street in another way, they are going to use 193rd Street which is going to double the traffic on the area too. So I am against the change in direction on 191st Street. If you actually would make 191st Street a two-way street with no parking on either side that could work.

Answer: [Jesse Rosenbaum] – We have had issues in the past with the narrowness of that street. It used to be a two-way before and they made it a one-way out of it few years ago.

Changing the direction is not going to help at all. Things are going to be even worse.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – In your situation, again, if they change the direction and they don't allow putting a left turn on your block that would be in some degree helpful. With the width of the street there is no way it is going to be a two-way. By not allowing it to make a left turn, that might be help.

Jann McKanic – Yea, I am for changing the street. When I first moved to Holliswood, 191st Street was a two-way street. Without the consent of the people in the community, the Holliswood Civic Association put in a request to change it. Not the one-way that it is now, but the one-way in the opposite direction. Somehow, the Department of Transportation decided well yea we'll make it a one-way but we'll make it a one-way going the other way. I understand the people that live on Foothill Avenue. I live on Clover Hill which is up Foothill Avenue above the hill. I understand their concern; however, there is, the fear that they have. I have that same fear when I am sitting at the light on Hillside Avenue to make that left turn and there are all these buses and trucks passing by me and my grandson in the car. So, my fear is just as real as their fear about getting hit. The problem is, there is just so much traffic now that you know and we all have to make sacrifices, unfortunately. I am opposed to the speed bump. I think that if it turns into a two-way, a speed bump would be useful but if it doesn't, I am not in favor of the speed bump. That's why I asked, where the speed bump is going to be on the street?

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – On Foothill Avenue.

I know that but where?

Answer: [Howard Fried] – They haven't determined it yet.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – Somewhere between 191st and 193rd Streets.

The other problem is, the people who live on the hill have a very difficult time getting up the hill. If you put a speed bump right there, you can't sort of make a running start to get up that hill. It is very difficult to get up that hill in the winter time. I am not in favor of the speed bump and I am in favor of that street change on 191st Street either to be turned back into a two-way or turning it into a two-way up to the point of 191st Street and Foothill Avenue. Then turning it into a one-way south from 191st Street and Foothill Avenue down to Hillside Avenue.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You want that to be moved back into Palo Alto Street?

Yes, from 191st Street and Foothill Avenue if you make that right turn, it should be a two-way the way it used to be.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – I just asked you about Palo Alto Street. Haywood is legally a small street to Palo Alto Street and then you get to Hillside Avenue. That is also a two-way street. I looked at that one also again. What I think is going to happen is, no matter what we people can use that as a bypass. I don't see a really good solution here.

As far as the emergency vehicles coming down that street, legally they are not allowed to come down that street and come down a one-way street. Someone from Foothill Avenue to Clover Hill.

Answer: [Mr. Forrestal] – No. That's out of order.

Susan Cleary – I have an idea.

<u>**DM Adam-Ovide**</u> – to [Mr. Rosenbaum] – Should I give them what we have so they know what we are talking about?

<u>Richard Legarda</u> – I agree with the change on 191st Street. Part of the reason people are asking for the speed bump on Foothill Avenue is because they are actually racing and competing to get to 191st Street. They know all the traffic is coming up from Hillside Avenue. They are racing, competing with others that are coming up through our neighborhood. If you were to eliminate and change the direction, they wouldn't have to speed or hopefully they wouldn't speed down on Foothill Avenue to 191st Street because they'll know no one else is coming up and they can easily just make a right hand turn.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – Sir, can you address, what your evening would be like. Why would it be beneficial for it to go in this direction and in the evening won't you have a problem? I am missing the logic. It is going to be a problem. There is a problem now. It's going to be a problem with the change but hopefully, it will be a lesser problem for the amount of cars funneling through Holliswood with changing the direction of all the cars coming up from 191st Street. They come up 191st Street because they see 188th Street turning red and they all making that quick right and they are competing with everybody coming down Foothill Avenue.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – What they'll do is, they are going to go down 188th Street and make a left turn on McLaughlin Avenue, a right turn either on Santiago Street or Palo Alto Street, they'll go straight back up again and they'll go right through your streets exactly the same, except that it will be in the evening. I am playing devil's advocate but I want you to understand that. I've spent a lot of time trying to understand it and you think that would make a big difference in the evening?

Also, getting back to emergency services. They can do what they want?

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You are out of order.

Even another point, anybody living on Foothill Avenue between 191st Street and 193rd Street and the Clover Hill area, we all have to go down to Hillside Avenue, make the left, fight with traffic, come up 191st Street and 193rd Street, and take it back into our own neighborhood. Why is that? Why can't we have a two way from Foothill Avenue all the way to Palo Alto Street? To make it easy for everybody to get in and out.

<u>Carlos Ramos</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – That is a good question. We want to participate on the help of whatever the traffic condition is but not by punishing the people who actually live on the block, by having to go blocks away to get into their homes.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – I got that one too. I have a question for, if you go down currently, you go down on 188th Street to make a right turn into Haywood Road to put you back into your own community in both directions.

Richard Legarda – That's the problem. It needs to be a two-way.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – I am looking at the map (diagram showed at the meeting of location). What I was suggesting is for you that live in this area. If you are stuck out and make a right turn if you are going southbound or going northbound to get into your community. The only block you can get into is 191st Street. If you live on 191st Street, you can get into Hillside Avenue. I am seeing this incorrectly, I did look at it.

<u>Lynette Donaldson</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – The danger is to the people who live on Foothill Avenue. Everyone has a vote but we are the ones getting our cars hit. We are the ones waiting to get hit by a car every morning.

Brenetta Blackwell – It is an inconvenience.

<u>Richard Legarda</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – We should be able to have traffic change and the speed bump at the same time. That would justify everybody's concern here.

Answer: [Susan Cleary] – It is up to DOT to do everything at the same time.

Vic Lalljel – I agree with what Mr. Legarda said.

<u>Claudette Bryant</u> – I agree with what Mr. Legarda said.

<u>Linda Valentino</u> – I am the president of the Holliswood Civic Association. To [Ms. McKanic] – When we wanted to make the change 10 years ago, we put out a notice to everybody. I got two people that said they were against it. I got no other answers.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – I am sorry. Linda, address your comments to me.

I contacted the people in the area and I only got two responses and that's all I got. I have been in contact and I agree. I've got many calls. Whatever is going to be done, someone is going to be unhappy. I have realized. I understand your problem and I understand their problem. I looked at what Mr. Legarda was talking about. In a way, it makes a little bit of sense because I can even give you words from the NCO Police Officers. They could not come tonight because they have another meeting. This is what they said via email, "As far as our input, we definitely agree that 191 St from Foothill Ave to Palo Alto should be a 2-way street, maybe even take a way parking on one side of the street. And the idea of 191 St to go South bound from Foothill Ave sounds like a good idea. Making some kind of change would definitely help alleviate some of the traffic that's backed up on 188 St. We know a few residents that we came across who definitely oppose of 191 Street being a one way N/B only. Some local residents have been issued summons in regards to disobeying the one way signs on 191 St and Foothill Ave. We hope the meeting turns out successful, and that the community can come to some conclusion that best fits their community". They have given summonses. I know there is no definite answer or perfect solution for everyone. I didn't even realize that they wanted a speed bump on Foothill Avenue. I know what you are saying because I have three speed bumps in all of Holliswood and everyone who's got one hates it. I just want to say that the Civic Association will be in favor or whatever can be a good solution for the majority of people who wants the best. I think we can do it.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – Your Civic is not taking a stand.

I can't.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – It's fine. We are exactly split down in the middle.

<u>Kurt Hoppe</u> – I don't have much to add to this but it looks very interesting, I can see it in front of me. The way the traffic is now, if it's going to be a one-way going down to Foothill Avenue going down to Hillside Avenue. I am still thinking maybe we can do both ways going up Hillside Avenue coming up on 191st Street.

Answer: [Mr. Fried] – Both ways being?

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – It won't happen. It won't happen because DOT just turned it. DOT just turned a two-way from a one-way because of the narrowness of the street. It was in response to the request by the residents. That's where it came from. If you remove parking on one side of the street, that would then make it wide enough to a two-way. That it's not what we are addressing tonight. If that's something you want to do, you can propose it as new business at the next Transportation Committee Meeting (TCM). I will also tell you which is the reason why we got all your petitions, because I let it known that it carries a

lot more weight to have a petition and people behind it. Should you all decide, what I am seeing here is, you don't have a consensus so far, at all. You are exactly split at the middle. If you want to consider a new request to eliminate parking on one side of the street of 191st Street to make it a two-way. What would that do for you? You would have people going through your community in the morning and at night.

<u>Kurt Hoppe</u> – In Manhattan, a lot of areas of Manhattan where they have no turning signs at certain times in the morning and in the afternoon. Why can't we have something like this on Haywood Road to not make a left hand turn during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to stop them from going up there? It is something usually traffic signals do to prevent the busy hours to get too congested.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You recommend it? The point is, DOT needs to have concrete recommendations and they will probably turn something down. I am not sure what you are suggesting, if it's manageable.

Answer: [Kevin Forrestal] – For the next meeting.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You will have to submit this as a new request for the next TCM. We have to address the issues that are on the agenda now.

<u>Karen Odaira</u> – I don't have much to add. I agree with Rich [Mr. Legarda].

<u>Hiro Odaira</u> – I agree with Rich [Mr. Legarda] and with the gentleman that mentioned the time restriction.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Fried] – Just so you know, the turning sign time restriction is not on the table for discussion. It will have to be submitted as a new transportation committee request.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – No. That was part of it. If they turn it around, we will also request a no left turn. <u>Answer:</u> [*Mr. Fried*] – All hours? Or just a limited hour? There was a discussion about doing various hours.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – No left turn at all times.

<u>Hiro Odaira</u> – My question was not on time restriction. Is there any? I've never seen those signs. Is there any 'residents only' sign? Only local people can go in.

Answer: [Mr. Fried] – No, it can't be done.

Answer: [Mr. Forrestal] – It is not a private street.

<u>Carmen Patrick</u> – I live right at the junction of Foothill Avenue and 191st Street. I've seen some serious accidents at that spot. Sometimes in the morning I cannot get out of my driveway to get to work because the cars are coming up so fast on 191st Street. They are coming down so fast on Foothill Avenue, and they don't even want to stop to let me up the road on 191st Street. It is a nightmare every morning. The school buses come, and they have parking on both sides of the street. The school buses cannot turn. Garbage trucks come, they can't turn. It is really, really, a problem in that area. They need to make parking only on one side of the street on 191st Street.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You can submit that request as a new item for our next TCM and we will review it.

Do you know how many months, I cannot get out of my driveway? There are cars on both sides of the street.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – I am not disagreeing with you. I am just simply saying this is not the appropriate place for it. If you put a formal request by simply a phone call or an email. It will get to my desk and it will be on the next TCM which will take place in March. Date TBD.

Howard A. Fried – We cannot speak about it because it is not on the agenda.

Answer: [Ms. Patrick] – I am definitely opposed to this street being a two-way street. I want it one-way either way. I know when they had it the other way going onto Hillside Avenue, they had a lot of accidents down that corridor. I think that's why they did that way going up.

Jesse Rosenbaum – To [Ms. McKanic] – I know what you want. I can't address it now.

Melissa Gardiner Seawright – I live on 191st Street. I like it being one-way but I like it in the direction that is going in now. If you make it coming down to Hillside Avenue, it is the worst. In the middle of the night there has been several car accidents when people come down, especially right there at the corner. You don't know how many times people who live on Hillside Avenue in those buildings come and they see their cars all damaged. I hear the cars. There was someone one day that was drunk and hit the cars along the side on 191st Street and going down southbound. You could hear that his bumper was on the floor and was going all the way down to Hillside Avenue. I think if it's going up, it's much better.

Answer: [Mr. Fried] – That is the reverse.

No. I want it to stay the way that it is now. When it used to be a two-way, now it's going down from Haywood Road to Hillside Avenue. Which is the way I want it.

<u>DM Adam-Ovide</u> – Now that everyone has spoken, I just want to add that I received a couple of emails. One was from Kathy Spirio who resides on Clover Hill Road. She said that she wants to have 191st Street changed to a two-way street. To please add her to the petition but this is not what the petition is. I had someone else, Vikram Lalljel but he is already here. The last person was, Laura Leva. She did not give her address but she wants to have 191st Street converted into a two-way street, to add her to the petition but we do not have a petition for a two-way street.

Jesse Rosenbaum – To [audience] – Let me tell you what you sent to us. Just so that you have it. There were eleven (11) speakers. I have five (5) of you who want to have the street reversed and six (6) of you, are in favor of it. There is not enough here to suggest one way or the other based on what you are saying to me. Out of all the people who spoke in regards to the speed bump, only five (5) persons spoke in favor. Here is what I am going to do, the form we sent for a request for a speed bump, we canvass the entire affected residents of that street. In other words, if you are on a residential street and your house gets a post card, those who would be affected would have something to say about it. We expect a 75% response from the local residents if you really want to have it done. I will tell you, 90% of the time, we don't have enough of the responses that comes back and in the same kind of numbers, people do not want speed bumps. What I would like to do since you are all here, I think there are some couples too so let's just assume it is one and we will get a vote. I can do a hand count vote with you.

Mr. Rosenbaum requested a hand vote for the residents who live on Foothill Avenue in regards to the installation of the speed bump. The vote was four (4) in favor.

Roger Donaldson – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – Are you aware of the fact that we had everyone on the block sing the petition for the speed bump?

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – Yes, I saw it. I have it.

Kevin Forrestal – Where is the school?

Answer: [Marc A. Haken] – What school?

Answer: [Mr. Forrestal] – The school that we justified putting the speed bump in.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – What Kevin is referring to is, if there is a hospital, school, place of worship. They get it first.

<u>Roger Donaldson</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – How about a house where there is an autistic child? We have one on the block.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – That one resident, is the reason why the street got turned. A whole petition came in and all. I am aware of that. We are reluctant to do speed humps because it is interfering with the residents.

<u>Jann McKanic</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You took a vote for the people who live on Foothill Avenue to say whether they wanted the speed bump but people who live on Clover Hill are also affected by the speed bump. Not as much as them because they are right there but we still have to go up and down on that street.

<u>Answer</u>: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – First of all, she made a good point which I tell you I did not take into account, which is where you have the bricks, whatever you call it [cobblestones]. You need a runway. I take your point well but so far there is not enough support here for a speed hump.

Mr. Rosenbaum requested a hand vote for the residents who live on Foothill Avenue in regards to the change the direction of 191^{st} Street. The vote was six (6) in favor and six (6) opposed.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – Mr. Rosenbaum stated that based on the vote there is not enough support to suggest any changes right now.

Roger Donaldson – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – In terms of the speed bump, to solve their problem going up the hill, it depends on where the speed bump is going to be placed. If you are at the corner of 193rd Street, there is no speed bump right there, that would be the perfect location to put the speed bump.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – When it comes to speed humps, DOT conducts its own study. It depends on how the streets are before they place the speed hump. It depends on the drainage. Where the sewer line is. How many driveways there is on each side. It becomes an issue and they will put it where they want not where you want. Based on what I am seeing here, from your responses it does not appear to me that you want to make any changes. If you want to consider, turning 191st Street into a two-way with no parking on one side of the street, get a petition among yourselves and send it over as a new request and we will review it at the next TC meeting. The residents who live on 193rd Street, if you want to avoid them making a left turn onto Hillside Avenue, you can put a request for no left turn at that corner.

Answer: [Mr. Donaldson] – 193rd Street is a two-way.

<u>Answer:</u> [Mr. Rosenbaum] – But you are not changing the direction. Currently the direction for 191st Street is going northbound. There is no left turn there. Only on 193rd Street, which is a two-way, drivers can go down on 193rd Street and make a left turn.

Answer: [Ms. Gardiner-Seawright] – Keep it that way.

<u>Carlos Ramos</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – If you are not going to allow anybody to make a left turn on Hillside Avenue and 191st Street and no left turn on 193rd Street. There is no way out.

Answer: [Mr. Forrestal] – You won't have a problem then.

<u>Francis Valentino</u> – To [Mr. Rosenbaum] – They are building a village where the hospital was. We don't know exactly where all these houses are going to be able to exit to Hillside Avenue. We don't know how they are going to get out. This might all be too premature.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You already have about three (3) structures framed up.

Answer: [Ms. Valentino] – Six (6) are already built.

Answer: [Mr. Rosenbaum] – You may want to wait and see what happens.

<u>Susan Cleary</u> – I have a thought. The only one way that makes sense to me is that 191st Street. Should oneway be going north?

Answer: [Ms. Donaldson] – It is like that and we want to keep it that way.

Answer: [Susan Cleary] – From Hillside to Palo Alto Avenue?

Answer: [DM Adam-Ovide] – That's how it is.

I say make the whole thing one-way going north, with no turns. I have seen the no left turn signs. No turns allowed at 191st Street or at 193rd Street to Hillside Avenue.

Answer: [Mr. Donaldson] – How are we going to get in into our homes?

Answer: [Mr. Legarda] – How do we get home?

Answer: [DM Adam-Ovide] – They can't.

Marc A. Haken – I am confused. There is a traffic light on Hillside Avenue and 191st Street?

Answer: [Ms. Blackwell] – Yes.

My barber is over there in the beauty salon, I know that. I know cars come south.

Answer: [DM Adam-Ovide] – No. They are coming from the south to go up.

<u>Jesse Rosenbaum</u> – To [audience] – Ladies and Gentleman, I thank you for coming on this terrible cold evening. We are trying to be helpful. I don't see that there are any changes going to be made at this point. If you want to go back and re-consider. My next TCM will be sometime in March. If you want to think about something, get it together and feel free to send it over. Let's try to make something that will make everybody happy.

This Public Hearing adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff, February 11, 2019.