BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2011

ATTENDANCE:		
D. ABRAHAM	S. BURZIO	J. COHN
D. DECOSTANZO	D. GORDON	E. MCCLURE
A. MCKNIGHT	T. MISKEL	L. NAPOLITANO
M. PETTIT	G. REILLY	R. RIGOLLI
M. VERRET		
EXCUSED:		
J. ARMER	W. BLUM	H. HUGHES
R. SLOANE		
ABSENT:		
D. GIULIANO	J. HEYER	M. KENTON
J. THOMPSON		
GUESTS:		

M. CZACZKES – REP. FOR HON. JOAN MILLMAN, STATE ASSEMBLY MEMBER F. PALACIOS – REP. FOR HON. CHRISTINE QUINN. NYC COUNCIL SPEAKER C. HRONOS – DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATON T. WRIGHT – DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION G. FIALA R. BERRIOS C. CRAWFORD

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 6:40 pm, Co-chair Tom Miskel presiding. A quorum was present and the Chair has the sign-in roster. The meeting welcomed community residents and Dan Wiley of the office of Nydia Velazquez, Member of Congress.

Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Department of Transportation on the Red Hook Transit Access and Mobility Improvements efforts.

Chris Hrones and Nick Mosquera of the Department of Transportation reported on the Transit Access and Mobility Improvement Project, under study since June, 2011. This project will improve the route of the B61 bus by shortening its route across Hamilton Avenue north onto Smith Street, and will make pedestrian adjustments to Bush Street, Centre Mall, and the Hamilton Avenue walkway. The report was accompanied by maps and illustrations of the proposed improvements. The digital program "Synchro" is utilized to measure a bus's travel time between stops. Questions were accepted from participants about safety issues and the presence of a day-care center at a corner of the proposed route change. Implementation depends on the use of in-house funds or capital funds. The community's dependence on the B61 bus was noted, particularly since the F/G elevated station at Smith and Ninth Street will not reopen until March/April.

The report was accepted by members of the committee, with none opposed.

The Brooklyn Streetcar Feasibility Study was also briefly described as not possible at this time.

Presentation and discussion with representatives for the Department of Transportation on the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway Master Plana Final Route.

The status of the Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway project was briefly reviewed, with descriptions of eight discrete capital projects and two future enhancement projects, all between the Atlantic Basin and the Erie Basin waterfront. DOT maintains a portal on its website for frequent updates to Greenway planning and meeting announcements.

Chair Tom Miskel recognized the service of Lance Corporal Julian Berman, USMC.

The meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

The minutes were submitted by Marilyn H. Pettit