

UNIFORMED SERVICE/TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE MEETING

June 5, 2024

Excuse

Carolyn Thompson, Chair

April Tyler

James Archer

Patricia Johnson

Theodore Kovaleff

Patricia Lewis

Martin Wallace

The meeting opened @ 6:30PM

A quorum present.

DOT – Josh Orzeck introduced Julio Pellerino who gave the presentation on the Construction on Safety Improvements at Edgecome Avenue, St. Nicholas Place, West 155th Street and Harlem River Drive.

There were much discussion on the upcoming construction and many viewed their opinion on what should be done and how to protect the safety of the residents. Many people who were present felt that the project should go forward , however there were issues in the detouring traffic on some streets as well as the turns on Edgecombe that people felt were not acceptable.

The most important issue here is the safety of the residents who live in the area as well as those who might visit. Speeding is a big problem in the city and at the above locations where the streets are so wide motorist believe that they can just speed through with no consideration for the children who play there as well as the elderly who have to cross the street.

Many who attended the meeting also felt the timing of the traffic signals on three north-south streets in the area could be changed. It was suggested that the 3 Boards that are involved meet and discuss all that has been presented at each of the boards and come together and come up with some conclusion of how to go forward.

Assemblyman Farrell representative Frank Hess presented a letter from the Assemblyman, stating that he agrees with the bulk of the DOT's traffic report regarding the problem at the

intersection on West 155th Street but he opposes closing left and right turns by automobiles in some locations. Julio Pallerino, stated that some signal changes had been made and would see if DOT could adjust the signals again.

It was also stated that Express Buses run on St. Nicholas Place in the evenings, DOT was not aware of this and stated that they are going to install Speed Bumps on St. Nicholas Place.

The Committee has been dealing with the concerns of Riverside Garden located at 138th and 12th Avenue, and on that subject a Stop Sign and Pedestrian Ramps, DOT states that the location does not warrant it, the turn is not considered an intersection, however, DOT will look into the repair of the sidewalk stretch of roadway on 12th Avenue.

Community Board 9 received a letter from Commissioner Forgione, requesting the Board and the Uniform/Transportation Committee for a letter of support for funding of this project. The letter was discussed and Ted Kovaleff Co-Chair made a motion to approve sending the letter but would not vote on it. It was second by Patricia Lewis. Rev. Morgan-Thomas, Chair of CB9 read the letter and approved the committee to have the letter read and have it sent with the vote from the committee. The vote was taken with 5 approved 1 Oppose and 0 abstention. The letter is time sensitive and due on Friday June 6, 2014.

Josh Orzeck announced Vision Zero Town Hall meetings beginning June 24, 6:30-8:30pm

Lang Recital Hall, Hunter College – 695 Park Avenue @ East 69th Street – Rm. 424

Manhattan Pedestrian Safety Workshops – Wednesday, June 11

Doors open at 6:30pm, last session starts at 8pm

Our Lady of Pompeli (lower level) 25 Carmine Street (at West 4th Street)

Monday, June 16 – Alhambra Ballroom 2116 Adam Clayton Boulevard (125th Street)

30th Precinct – On Assignment – Liquor license renewals have been sent to the 30th Pct. and awaiting approval.

Manhattan North – On Assignment

PSA 6 – On Assignment

26th Precinct – Officer Harper gave his report. Stats are attached. Officer Harper also stated that Sky Watch is still located on 550 West 125th Street.

Congratulations to all of the agencies for the take down of three of the most violent gangs.

Ms. Joselyn Minaya from the DA's office introduced Ms. Sandrine Fermino also from the DA's office. Ms. Minaya spoke on the take down of 103 members of "Make it Happen Boys" Money Avenue" and 3 "Staccs" charged with 2 Indictments; Top Count is Conspiracy in the First Degree, a Class A-1 Felony.

It was good to see Ms. Minaya who stated that she would be coming back to the meeting.

These gangs had an enormous impact on crime in Manhattanville Houses and Grant Houses.

The next meeting for Uniformed Service/Transportation will be September 4, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

Meeting adjourned @ 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Thompson, Chair