

CB9M Uniform Services and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, June 4, 2020; Zoom Conference Meeting

Attendance: US&T Committee: Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas, Hon. Carolyn Thompson, Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson. **Members Excused:** Hon. Theodore Kovaleff, Hon. Patricia Lewis. **Absent:** Hon. Derrick Johnson; Hon. April Tyler. **CB9 Meeting Host:** Ms. Eutha Prince, District Manager. **Community Guests:** Mr. Vaughn Jackson, Mr. Zeshawn Ali.

Meeting called to attention at 6:51p.m. Roll Call conducted. Quorum was not present.

Carolyn informed members that Deputy Inspector Soto's presentation was removed since her presentation was rescheduled for the June 8th Town Hall meeting. Carolyn entertained a motion to adopt the amended agenda, seconded by Rev. Morgan-Thomas, motion carried.

NYC DOT Update: Mr. Lyle Blackwood, Community Coordinator, Manhattan Borough Commissioner's Office, NYC Department of Transportation

- Citi Bike Program - currently operating in CB9 (northern portion up to 155th Street), CB10, CB11, CB12. Next focus began in CB12 on June 1st, going from 155th Street – 184th Street for this year; will finish CB12 next year.
- Open Streets Program – still ongoing. Any organizations & public can complete the online application for suggested streets to have closed off. Criteria is still the same; locations will be considered via online applications; eligible locations should be submitted for review. He's not aware of a deadline for submitting applications. Visit the NYC DOT website for more info.
- Things are quiet at DOT, has been challenging for the past couple of months. Work still continues. NYC will start reopening on June 8th. CB9 will be updated on any projects and/or info that comes in. Any other details or plans will be communicated to the US&T Committee.
- Question - Carolyn asked Lyle if there were any parking issues in CB9 reported to DOT. No, northern Manhattan has been pretty quiet, necessary utility work, streets, et al continues.

Discussion on Street Closing recommended by David Vassar: Mr. Vassar requested to be on the agenda, did not call into the meeting. Lyle reported that as of June 3rd, his application had not yet been submitted to DOT. Therefore, Carolyn suggested that Mr. Vassar will be advised to submit his application on line at the DOT website.

Pedestrian & Traffic Management Services Inc., COVID-19 Response Program by Nick Hlat: Mr. Hlat requested to be on the agenda, did not call in to the meeting.

Action Items:

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

- Chez Amis Corp d/b/a Flat Top, 1241 Amsterdam Avenue – Carolyn spoke to Detective Harper, 26th Precinct, no problems, no objections, renewal was approved.
- Greenwood Lake Group LLC d/b/a Harlem Public, 3612 Broadway, Store #3 – Carolyn spoke to 30th Precinct, no problems, no objections, renewal was approved.

New Business

- Carolyn reported that Denny Farrell Riverbank State Park is closing at 7 pm during the curfew. Therefore, the BX19 and M11 Buses are going up to 146th Street & making a U-turn to begin their route; reroute started as of Monday 6/1.
- Carolyn reported that she spoke to Detective Harper, Detective Cheatham, and Manhattan North; since the officers are assigned to the recent protests, they will not be on the Zoom US&T meetings until further notice.
- Eutha reported that she has been working with CB9 Chair Hon. Barry Weinberg, Hon. Signe Mortensen, and Ms. Lois Penny of the West Harlem Progressive Democratic Club to plan a Town Hall meeting with 30th Precinct Deputy Inspector Lourdes Soto on Monday June 8 @ 6:00 p.m. CB9 is asking the community to ask questions as this will be a public forum. Webinar info will be sent out shortly; submit questions by Monday 6/8 at 8 am. Details will be sent out on the flyer to be distributed on Friday 6/5.
- Mr. Ali asked via the Zoom chat how can the community be safe in light of recent protests. It was suggested that he submit that question when the Town Hall meeting flyer is issued on Friday 6/5.

Meeting ended at 7:21 p.m.