

CB9M Uniform Services and Transportation Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, March 5, 2020; CB9 District Office, 16-18 Old Broadway, NYC

Attendance:

US & T Committee: Hon. Theodore Kovaleff, Hon. April Tyler, Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson.
Members Excused: Hon. Michelle Caine, Hon. Patricia Lewis, Hon. Carolyn Thompson. CB9
Members Present: Hon. Martin Wallace.

Meeting called to attention at 6:37 p.m. Quorum was not present. Therefore, members agreed to adopt & follow the agenda.

Repeated acknowledgement of and unanimous well wishes for Carolyn Thompson, who is still out on medical leave.

Agency Reports:

NYPD:

26th Precinct: Detective Jason Harper & Crime Prevention Officer Kathleen Clifford: Report on the period of February 3 – March 1, 2020. Crimes are down in comparison with last year – murders, rapes, robberies, felony assaults, burglaries, grand larcenies. Boroughwide burglary patterns observed – 40 incidents in commercial establishments in various precincts throughout the City. Also, phone snatch patterns are developing – phone snatched while victims waiting for a taxi. New grand larceny pattern - victim asked to deposit a false check or money order in their bank account then forward a lesser amount to a third party; original check bounces & victim is liable. Beware of scam calls – grandparent scam, social security scam, et al. Don't entertain the caller – just hang up the phone. Check your bank account every day for suspicious activity/charges. Seniors are often targeted; there is cause for concern if loved ones suddenly start withdrawing large/unusual sums of money.

PSA-6: Detective Cheatham: Report on period of February 3 – March 1, 2020. Total of 4 crimes occurred – 2 at Grant Houses (both assault); 2 in Manhattanville Houses (1 Assault, 1 Grand Larceny).

30th Precinct – No report.

Manhattan North – No Report.

NYC DOT: Lyle Blackwood, Community Coordinator, Manhattan Borough Commissioner's Office:

Repeat of February 2020 report info: If we see any streets that need to be resurfaced, repaved, benches or bike racks repaired, et al, info should be sent to Lyle ASAP for addition to the Spring & Summer schedule. Work is expected to start uptown around May or June 2020 and crewwork in the Summer.

Question: Ted Kovaleff – 122nd Street between Claremont Avenue & Riverside Drive – milling & resurfacing job in the Fall 2019 was poorly done. Lyle will look into this and follow up.

Question: PWJ – new street sign on NW corner of Broadway & West 133rd Street – No Left Turn M-F, 4 – 7 p.m. - sign not clearly visible to motorists; new direction is causing traffic delays. Lyle will look into this and provide an update.

Question – April Tyler – why were Muni Meters installed on Amsterdam Avenue, 138th - 139th Streets, replacing alternate side parking? Lyle will look into this and provide follow up.

Question – Martin Wallace – additional signage is needed on Tiemann Place & Broadway to alleviate lane blockage for cars making left turns. Lyle will look in to this and provide follow up.

Action Items:

New Liquor license applications – Posh Pizza – no objections from 26th Precinct.

Liquor License Renewal – Dun Huang Upper West – no objections from 26th Precinct.

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal - Harlem Public – awaiting response from 30th Precinct.

Old Business

Pedestrian Community Survey Questions Update – April Tyler – focus on Senior Citizens, ease of navigating street crossings & sidewalks, accessibility to transit, et al. April will send out suggested questions to the US&T Committee and work with the Senior Issues Committee co-chairs to reach seniors in their network. City College students will be hired for outreach and to collect survey responses.

New Business

125th Street #1 Train Elevator Resolution – PWJ - Morningside Heights Community Coalition initiated meetings in January 2020 to solicit community and local stakeholder support for the MTA to install an elevator at the #1 125th Street station. Although MHCC is also advocating for elevators at the 116th, 110th and the 103rd Street #1 stations, it was determined that the more imminent priority is for the 125th Street #1 station. US&T Committee members present were in favor of the resolution and submission to the Executive Committee.

Bike Racks on Old Broadway outside CB9 Office – Martin Wallace - Martin requested US&T Committee support for the installation of bike racks to be installed outside the CB9 District Office. PWJ asked Martin to send an email with the specific details for Committee follow up.

Meeting ended at 7:46 p.m.

Next US&T Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 2, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.