

Uniform Service and Transportation Committee Minutes October 7, 2021

Cb9M office 16-18 Old Broadway

Attendance: Hon. Carolyn Thompson Co-Chair, Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson, Co-Chair, Hon. Georgette Morgan-Thomas, Hon. Victor Edwards, Hon. Edwin Torres, Hon. Martin Wallace, Hon. Solomon Prophete **Excuse:** Hon. Ted Kovaleff

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM with a quorum present.

The meeting opened with the introduction of our new member Solomon Prophete.

26th Pct. P.O. Urena gave the 28 day stats. No Murders, Rape 1-1, Robbery 5-7, Felony Assault 9-17, Burglary 3-8 Grand Larceny 24-23, Grand Larceny Auto 9-5.

Michael Steigman from the Dawn on Earth Market game before the committee with a complaint about unauthorized vehicles parked on Saturday mornings along Manhattan Avenue which are displacing the farmers market vendors. Officer Urena stated that she would have traffic look into removing these cars.

Hon. Edwin Torres stated at the last meeting about illegal cars, trucks parking on Convent Avenue. This is a ongoing problem on Convent Avenue where these cars never move and it has been reported several times. Hon. Edwin Torres sent a power point to show the cars that are parked in that area. We need NYPD Traffic to come and look at the problem and start ticketing these cars.

P.O. Urena stated the 26th precinct council will meet on October 26, 2021 no location has been made. On October 27, Breast Cancer Awareness, on November 23, 2021 Turkey giveaway, last year the 26 precinct gave away 800 turkeys.

MTA Marcus Book: The committee has requested a Metro Bus to be located on 145th & Broadway. Mr. Book stated that the Metro Bus has not been expanded in the CB9M corridor, however Mr. Book stated that we are still in the loop. Metro Cards are being faze out, the Omni card is replacing the Metro Card and will soon be available at certain outlets like Walgreen, Rite Aid and others.

Hon. Victor Edwards thank Mr. Book for getting back to him regarding this problem of the MTA trucks also parking in bike lanes. Hon. Victor Edwards will continue to monitor this issue until something is done

DOT Lyle Blackwood: Mr. Blackwood announced the 138 street conversion will take place the last week of October.

Several questions were asked about delivery drivers riding on the sidewalk and how many summons have been issued.

Hon. Victor Edwards asked about the No Commercial signs along Riverside Drive, why were they removed and will they be replaced.

Hon. Victor Edwards has been requesting additional parking along 146 and Convent Avenue, Mr. Blackwood stated that Verizon is still using the area.

The subject of 140-141 according to DOT is not wide enough for parking. Hon. Victor Edwards stated that cars are parked there illegally. Hon. Victor Edwards will continue to work with DOT to find parking for CB9 residents.

There were questions concerning the bike lanes on St. Nicholas Avenue where traffic is a problem, cyclist cannot ride in the bike lanes due to the double parking in the bike lanes as well as on the street. St. Nicholas Avenue has always been a problem for the M3 Bus, Police Van parking in the bus lane, residents having to walk in the street to get on the bus. The Community Board 9 has reached out to Transit Police District 3 which is located in the train station to stop parking there vans in the bus lanes.

Hon. Patricia-Watler-Johnson, brought to the attention an article about 100 cars that are left on the streets of Harlem that have never been removed.

The committee received a complaint from a resident who stated that she was charged for parking on a city street for valet parking at the Skinny Cantina. The Skinny Cantina has no permit for such and cannot charge anyone to park.

Mr. Nicholas Allessandro manager of the Skinny Cantina stated that he would look into this and get back to the committee.

The discussion on the District Needs statement will be discussed with committee members.

Liquor license was discussed and approved by both the 26th and 30th precincts.

I spoke to Captain Korabel of the 30th precinct regarding Grill On The Hill who stated that he had not taken a look at the complaints and apologize for it, however going forward he had officers look into and found that there had been no other complaints on the establishment so with that being said CB9M can approve the application.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Thompson, Chair